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Shamir back-down on bases denied

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Ministry officials denied last night that minister Yitzhak Shamir had said Israel was prepared to forgo its demand for IDF-manned anti-terror posts inside South Lebanon. Israel still wants the posts — and a string of additional security arrangements too, the officials maintained.

Their denial followed leaks from Shamir's briefing to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee earlier in the day which attributed to the foreign minister this softening of the Israeli *position*.

Committee sources were fairly certain that they had heard Shamir say, or at least indicate, that Israel would no longer insist on the IDF-manned posts. Indeed, Tehiya *firebrand Geula* Cohen attacked the foreign minister at the committee over what she said was Israel's climb-down on the issue. Cohen demanded that the talks be broken off, because they were resulting in climb-down after climb-down on Israel's part.

The Foreign Ministry officials insisted that Cohen and other committee members misunderstood the minister. As proof, they pointed out that at the Halde talks yesterday, the Israeli side forcefully restated the demand for the anti-terror posts.

Notwithstanding the officials' denials and assertions, political observers in Jerusalem believe that Israel is indeed in the process of softening its stand regarding the posts. These observers predict that the new, more flexible Israeli position will be formally expressed during Shamir's talks with top administration officials in Washington next week.

The foreign minister is to hold a series of meetings with Secretary of State George Shultz and special mediator Philip Habib. His visit, arranged at short notice reportedly at the urging of Defence Minister (and former ambassador to Washington) Moshe Arens, is intended to search for a breakthrough in the Lebanon talks and thereby produce an *improvement in the overall atmosphere* of relations between the U.S. and Israel.

Foreign Ministry sources said last night that the minister would also express Israeli concerns over the *Soviet military build-up in Syria* (the SA-5 missiles manned by Russian personnel).

Accompanying the minister will be his Director-General David Kimche who has led the Israeli team at the talks with Lebanon, and other officials and IDF officers who have been involved in the negotiations.

The expectation of a softening of Israel's stand on the anti-terror posts has been in the air for some

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U.S. pinning hopes on Shamir's visit

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Administration officials yesterday said Israel and Lebanon are "very close" to reaching a troop-withdrawal agreement in Lebanon and that an accord could possibly be wrapped up during Foreign Minister Yitzhak *Shamir's visit to Washington this* weekend.

They suggested that a breakthrough in the talks at this stage is largely up to Israel. Clearly, they are hoping for some additional Israeli flexibility on the remaining unresolved issues.

State Department spokesman John Hughes told reporters that the Shamir visit was initiated by Israel.

Israeli Embassy officials said the foreign minister is scheduled to stay in Washington until Tuesday, but they said that his visit could be extended.

Settlers enter refugee camp, threaten to eject residents

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Settlers entered the Kalandiya refugee camp north of Jerusalem on Monday evening and threatened to remove the residents unless stone-throwing attacks on Israeli traffic stop, according to local sources. Soldiers and police arrived and ordered the settlers out of the camp, according to the reports, which could not be confirmed with *military sources*.

Military sources did confirm that the IDF had imposed curfews on the casbah in Nablus and on the Jalazoun refugee camp north of Ramallah following stone throwing incidents there, and on the Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem after a petrol bomb attack on a border police patrol on Monday night.

Restrictions on movement and a stepped-up military presence have also been reported from the town of Dahariya south of Hebron, the Dehaishe refugee camp near Bethlehem and at Kalandiya. All three places straddle main roads linking the West Bank to Jerusalem and are traditional trouble spots where local youths stone passing Israeli traffic.

At the Hussein school in Hebron, students stoned the offices of the local village league, which are almost directly opposite. Stone throwing was also reported from Nablus.

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Prime Minister Menachem Begin greets former U.S. president Jimmy Carter at the entrance to the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. (Report below) (Isaac Harari)

The presidential race—

Coalition confusion as Labour optimistic

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Labour Alignment has two possible candidates for the presidency — MKs Chaim Herzog and Shlomo Hillel. But for the time being, it is holding its cards close to its chest, preferring to wait and see what the coalition comes up with before declaring itself.

The Alignment sources who said this added that there is a measure of satisfaction in Labour at the obvious confusion and frustration the developing *presidential* crisis has sown in coalition ranks.

"Both (Labour's possible candidates) are good, both meet the requirements of the presidency and each of them can beat any possible Likud candidate," said one Alignment source.

There was optimism in Labour circles after a day of fruitless coalition running about in search of an acceptable candidate for the presidency.

Following Interior Minister Yosef Burg's announcement declining the candidacy on Monday, the Likud Liberals offered Shmuel Zalman Abramov, a former MK, and Professor Emeritus Binyamin Akzin as their possible choices.

Herut has offered no new names.

Tami stuck by its selection of Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Nawi as the coalition candidate.

Among the "less official" candidates whose names are still making coalition rounds are Dr. Avner Sciaki, a former deputy education minister, and Supreme Court *Justice Menahem Elon*.

Another name, reportedly raised by Aguda MK Avraham Shapira, was Prof. Yehuda Blum, Israel's ambassador to the UN.

Knowledgeable observers, however, said that the common denominator for all these proposals is that none of them have much of a chance of obtaining wide support.

Yesterday's coalition contacts regarding the selection of the presidential candidate were fraught with tension. MK Avraham Shapiro reportedly was not invited to one such meeting because of suspicions that he supports the candidacy of Labour's Chaim Herzog.

The National Religious Party's Yehuda Ben-Meir yesterday boycotted another presidential consultation. Ben-Meir announced that he would not participate in any coalition management meeting at-

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Doctors face arrest by ignoring work orders

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The nation's medical services were operating with only about 15 per cent of their normal medical staff last night, after doctors deserted hospitals and clinics en masse yesterday morning in defiance of back-to-work orders issued by the Health Minister Eliezer Shostak.

If the back-to-work orders are not honoured immediately, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir will have no choice but to take the appropriate legal measures, the Justice Ministry said last night.

A spokesman declined to say exactly *when arrests or other police* action could be anticipated. But the attorney-general was not expected to remain passive for long, it was learned.

"If and when the first doctor is taken away to jail, we will immediately pull every doctor out of every hospital in the country," Dr. Shmuel Friedman, the Israel Medical Association spokesman, warned.

"The authorities can count on *putting* all 8,500 of us in prison after the first arrest. We will voluntarily turn ourselves in," he said.

Zamir yesterday evening notified IMA attorney Eli Zohar, that the back-to-work orders issued to 40 per cent of the country's doctors are "legal and binding."

Zohar was told that ignoring the orders is a criminal offence.

As of this morning, only the most severe cases will be treated in emergency rooms. All hospitals are operating on a drastically reduced basis, with even fewer doctors present than on Yom Kippur. Medical service will be available for a IS600 fee at the 80 temporary medical centres set up in rented premises throughout the country.

The directors of several hospitals, including Ichilov, Tel Giborim, Rothschild and Ashkelon, cabled Shostak that they could no longer be held responsible for any catastrophe that might occur with hospital staffs cut so radically. They requested emergency instructions on how to cope with the situation.

Not one of the more than 3,000 doctors who received back-to-work orders yesterday stayed at his place of work after noon, according to reports from hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

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The skeleton teams manning the hospitals were working according to lists prepared by the hospital organizing committees some time ago, and had no connection with the back-to-work orders, the IMA said.

Informal contacts between the Treasury and IMA representatives continued in Jerusalem, with "no progress at all," one of the IMA participants told *The Post* last night. After three days of "unofficial *talks" aimed at reviving the formal* negotiations, "it is clear that the Treasury has not changed its stance by one millimetre since the beginning of these discussions 11 months ago," he said.

No plans were made for continuing the talks. The IMA is to convene its strike organizing committee in Tel Aviv today at noon to decide on future steps.

"It was all one big lie," the source said. "We were promised that Shostak and Gideon Patt (acting *finance minister while Yoram* Aridor is abroad) would attend the meeting, and they did not come.

"Only (Treasury Director-General) Ezra Sadan was present, and the discussion never even *touched on matters of substance,*" he said.

The IMA has reportedly drawn up contingency plans to deal with possible arrests and detentions. They include the extension of immediate legal aid to those arrested and provisions for compensating the families of any doctors who are held in jail.

Shostak reacted angrily last night to IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai's call to doctors to ignore back-to-work orders. Speaking on the television news programme, the health minister said that he was "shocked" by the head of the doctors' professional organization urging his members to "break the law of the land."

"This is a criminal offence, and we will be forced to react if the doctors do not come to their senses, go *back to work and obey the law,*" Shostak warned.

MK Menahem Porush, who has been active in efforts to bring the two sides to the negotiating table, also urged the doctors not to violate the back-to-work orders.

At the opening ceremony of the Technology '83 exhibition last night in Tel Aviv, Patt commented that "if robots replace doctors one of these *days, they will be much more* humane and much easier to deal with."

IMA chairman Ishai responded: "What is clear is that robots are

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Defiant doctors vow 'fight to the finish'

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

It was a cross between the euphoria of an American-style political rally and preparations for storming the Bastille. Underlying the wild cheers and rhythmic applause that punctuated every speech were the rumblings of a large group of people who felt they "had nothing left to lose."

It was certainly not your average medical convention yesterday as 4,500 doctors from all over the country packed the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv to express their unswerving dedication to "going the limit" in their struggle for higher wages.

The emergency meeting — described by one speaker as "the largest gathering of violators of back-to-work orders ever held in Israel" — also served notice to *anyone who may have harboured* doubts about the ability of the Israel Medical Association to knit together its disparate constituency.

Senior specialists, young residents, doctors from Safad and Petah Tikva, clinic doctors and hospital doctors burst into wild applause when IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai declared: "The employers obviously thought that doctors are an intelligent and individualistic lot who would never be able to conduct a unified struggle. Well, we have proved them wrong."

Ishai drew a standing ovation when he called on "all doctors, any of you who may be listening now and have not already done so, to get up right now and leave the hospitals and clinics.

"The back-to-work orders you may have received are irrelevant as *far as we are concerned.* Disregard them and leave your places of work."

At this point Ishai's speech was

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Begin, Carter weigh Lebanon prospects

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and *Foreign Minister Yitzhak* Shamir both separately assured visiting ex-president Jimmy Carter yesterday than an agreement over Lebanon is now in prospect.

Both Israeli leaders stressed to Carter that Israel wants to achieve an accord insuring the security of its north — and to pull out of Lebanon as soon as possible.

Carter, who flew in from Cairo yesterday morning, said repeatedly that a withdrawal from Lebanon would bring about an immediate improvement in relations between Israel and Egypt.

Challenged by Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor as to why there should be this "linkage" between the "cold peace" with Egypt and the crisis in Lebanon, Carter replied that *he personally did not link the two — but the fact is nevertheless* that they are perceived to be linked.

His firm impression, Carter said, is that Egypt is determined to preserve the peace treaty with Israel.

There were no recriminations over Begin's and Carter's differing interpretations of aspects of Camp David. On the contrary, both men seemed eager to emphasize the achievements of the accords.

Begin and Carter met alone for a further 30 minutes, but no details were released of this conversation.

The former president seemed determined to avoid criticism and to steer clear of controversy with both Begin and *Shamir. He met the foreign minister separately, also at* the Knesset. But he was more forthright in an earlier meeting with Savidor. "When I was last here," he told Savidor, "I dreamed that we would reach a comprehensive peace..." Carter was in Israel in March 1979, to clinch the Israel-Egypt treaty talks.

It is "a pity," the former president continued, that this has not happened. But he was still hopeful.

Carter evinced knowledge and interest in the workings of the Knes-

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Carter to try to sway Hussein

By *DAVID LANDAU*
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter said here last night he would do his best to persuade Jordan's King Hussein to join the Camp David talks and called on Israel to "make it easier" for Hussein to do so.

Speaking at an intimate dinner hosted by Premier Menachem Begin for people who were *involved* in the 1978 Camp David summit, Carter said he would also seek to sway the Saudi Arabians to support Hussein's joining the peace process.

Carter will meet with Hussein, with Saudi King Fahd and with Syria's President Hafez Assad during his swing through the area.

Carter praised Begin's role at Camp David. The Israeli leader had shown the greatest "political courage," Cater said,and had undertaken the largest risks.

In his after-dinner speech, Begin praised Carter for his tenacity and tremendous willpower in pulling off the Camp David accords.

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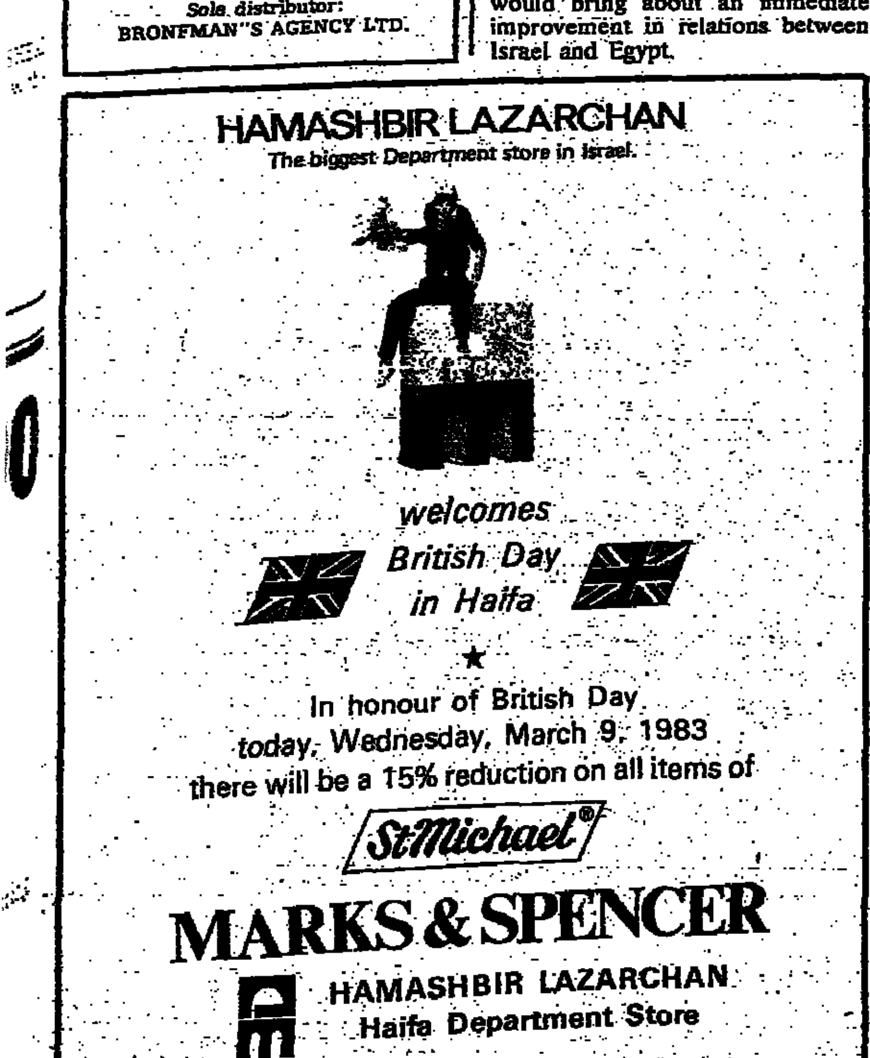

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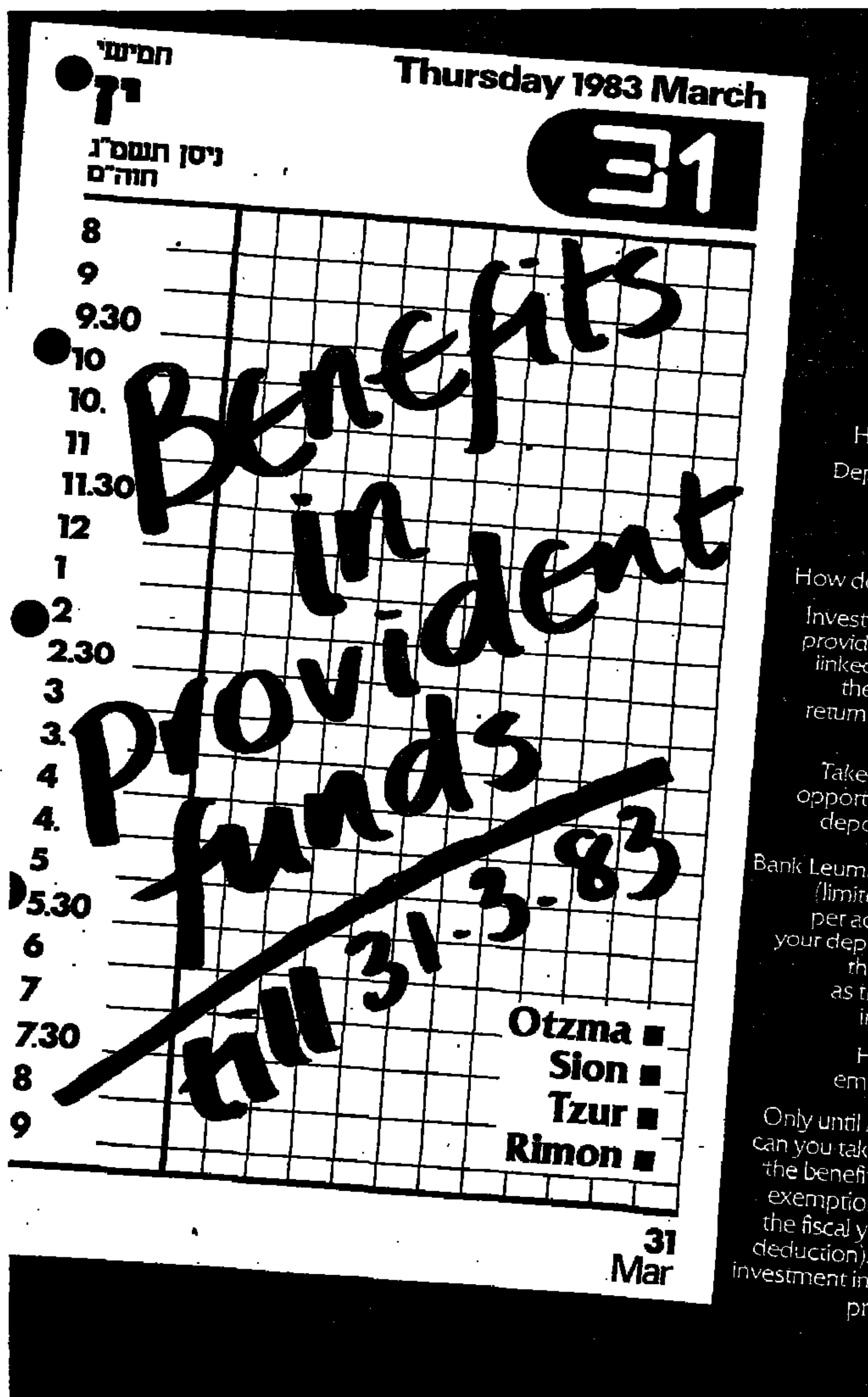

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Nahariya	56	5—15	16
Safad	78	2— 8	9
Haifa Port	66	9—15	16
Tiberias	67	6—16	16
Nazareth	67	5—12	13
Afula	59	6—16	17
Shomron	59	3—11	12
Tel Aviv	53	8—16	16
B-G Airport	58	7—15	17
Jericho	54	8—18	19
Gaza	66	7—15	16
Beersheba	54	3—14	15
Eilat	21	7—21	21

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Rumanian Ambassador Constatin Vaciliu yesterday opened an exhibit of documents and pictures on the life and work of Rumanian statesman Nicolae Titolescu at Tel Aviv University's central library. The exhibit, a joint project of the university and the Rumanian Embassy in Israel, marks the 100th anniversary of Titolescu's birth.

British Ambassador Patrick Moberly will speak on Anglo-Israeli trade at the weekly meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, Nof Hotel, 1 p.m. today.

Rotarian Alexander Zvielli, director of *Jerusalem Post* archives, will speak on Israelis in Thailand at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club, 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

ARRIVALS

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president B'nai Brith Canada; Morley Wolfe QC, president BBC; Sam Grossman, national chairman BBC Soviet Jewry Cabinet; Mrs. Sandi Wolfe, to participate in the World Conference on Soviet Jewry and B'nai B'rith International meetings, British Airways.

Park to be dedicated to Emil Grunzweig

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A small park will be dedicated today to Emil Grunzweig near the spot where he was killed last month by a grenade during a Peace Now demonstration at the Prime Minister's Office.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin will attend the ceremony at 2 p.m., but the only scheduled speaker is Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

'I'm a Palestinian,' Navon tells pupils

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SAVA. — "I am a Palestinian," President Yitzhak Navon yesterday told Kfar Sava high school pupils during a visit to their town. Navon was responding to a question about his attitude to the Palestinian Arabs.

"Falastin is the name of Eretz Yisrael in Arabic, just as Palestine is the name in English," he said.

Navon's visit to Kfar Sava inaugurated the city's 80th anniversary celebrations. Navon was greeted by Mayor Yitzhak Wald and other municipal leaders.

One of the high school pupils asked Navon how a president with a Labour Party background can serve with the Likud in power. "If the Labour Party were in power, I would criticize it more severely when it did something not to my liking," he said.

Newspaper planned for retarded people

HERZLIYA (Itim). — A newspaper for retarded persons is to be published by a local institution for retarded children here.

The head of the institute, Motti Arbel, said the newspaper will be suitable for retarded persons from ages 10 to 60 who know how to read but cannot understand a normal newspaper.

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Industrial exports decline by 16%

Jerusalem Post Staff

Exports plummetted last month to $391 million, against $445 million in February of last year — a drop of 12 per cent, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. Industrial exports, excluding diamonds, fell even more dramatically, totalling $240 million last month, compared to $286 in February of 1982, a 16 per cent drop.

Reacting to the figures, Manufacturers Association president Eli Hurwitz accused the Treasury of pursuing policies that will lead to a 20 per cent drop in exports and the development of massive unemployment.

Hurwitz added that if devaluation is not accelerated beyond the 5 per cent monthly rate set according to Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's economic plan, it will be too late to save the country's exports.

Hurwitz's anxiety is shared by government officials. David Brodet, economic adviser to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, expressed "serious concern" over the figures.

Brodet attributed the fall in exports mainly to the loss of profitability in European markets. He added that urgent measures should be undertaken by the ministry, in conjunction with the Treasury and the Bank of Israel, to restore profitability to manufacturers dealing with overseas markets.

A report prepared by the government, the Bank of Israel and the Manufacturers Association shows that the profitability of industrial exports in general declined by an average of 1 per cent last year, compared with 1981, but the drop in profitability of industrial exports to Europe was far more severe.

According to the industrialists, the profitability drop of exports to the Common Market is 7.5 per cent. But government officials estimate the figure at 3 to 5 per cent.

Earlier this week, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said that the government and the Bank of Israel are busy preparing an incentive package for exporters in light of the drop in profitability. Patt added that the government will continue with its scheme of granting insurance against international exchange rate fluctuations.

Melamed stymies tax move

Post Economic Reporter

A government motion to renew regulations governing the employers tax in the service sector was rejected by the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday. MK Avraham Melamed of the National Religious Party voted with the opposition to protest Liberal Party MKs' behaviour over the issue of the chief rabbinate elections and the NRP's legislative initiative on Sabbath work permits.

According to the law, the tax is set at 4 per cent of wages. This rate can be raised for a 12-month period by the finance minister with the approval of the Finance Committee.

The Treasury has taken advantage of this clause to raise the rate to 7 per cent for the past several years by bringing the matter to the committee for approval.

Yesterday, the 7 per cent extension was again brought to the Finance Committee, since it expires at the end of the month. Approval was expected without difficulty, but when the vote came, Melamed preferred to join the opposition, giving it a majority of one.

Coalition members said after the meeting that they will raise the issue again before the end of the month, and expect the renewal to be approved.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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tended by the Liberals on the question of the presidency. He was reacting to the Liberals' part in defeating a coalition bill on Monday regarding the chief rabbinate elections.

"If the Prime Minister invites us, of course we'll come, because of the respect we have for (Menachem Begin)," said Ben-Meir. "As a person who honours a true partnership, something which does not characterize the Liberal faction in the Likud, I am freezing my personal participation in the coalition management, in which there sits a party which is committed to an anti-religious stance for its own sake."

The name of Prof. Ephraim Urbach, president of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, cropped up again yesterday in connection with the presidency. But in view of Prof. Urbach's recently expressed dovish opinions on political issues, it is doubtful that Begin would agree to approach him regarding the presidency.

It is understood that Agudat Yisrael is also firmly opposed to Urbach's candidacy, and Alignment sources last night said: "We will not approach Urbach. We will have a candidate of our own."

In view of the emerging situation, it is possible that the Likud will attempt to postpone the deadline for submission of names for the presidential election, now set for March 22.

SHAMIR BACK-DOWN

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time — especially in administration-inspired media reports from Washington.

Israeli sources list a nunber of security arrangements which they would like to see established in South Lebanon in addition to the IDF-manned posts. But observers here feel that if these additional arrangements are agreed upon, Israel would waive its demand for the posts.

Among the arrangements are: joint IDF-Lebanese patrols, close contact and coordination between the IDF and Lebanese Army at a high level, IAF aerial surveillance, intelligence cooperation, the strong deployment of Major Sa'ad Haddad's militias in the security zone, commanded by Haddad himself.

Israeli sources back from the talks in Halde yesterday indicated that there is still no clear-cut agreement on Haddad's role. Israel insists that the major and his men be integrated into the Lebanese Army, and officially recognized as a key element in policing the South.

Israeli sources spoke of "vagueness" and "reluctance" on the Lebanese side yesterday when the issue came up in the military affairs subcommittee.

In general, there seems to have been no real progress made in this subcommittee, and none is apparently to be expected until Shamir has thrashed out the disputed issues — the anti-terror posts, Haddad's role and UNIFIL's deployment — at his top-level talks in Washington.

But the Israeli sources reported some progress in the parallel mutual relations subcommittee, where the main issue is the free flow of persons and goods across the border.

In an opening statement, Israel's Kimche referred to a comment by Lebanon's Foreign Minister Elie Salem to the effect that Lebanon would not open up one border to close down 22 others, meaning, its trade with the entire Arab world.

"I hope that is not official Lebanese policy," Kimche said. He stressed that Israel has no intention of flooding Lebanon with its products or otherwise benefitting unfairly from commercial relations. But such relations, he insisted, are the "symbol of our new relationship," and are therefore of basic importance in Israel's view.

Lebanon's chief delegate Antoine Fattale said (according to Israeli sources) that he had read Salem's comment only in the newspapers, and at any rate, the Lebanese delegation had not been instructed to state the country's position in those terms.

Lebanese sources at the talks were quoted by news agencies yesterday as saying that PLO chief Yasser Arafat had reiterated his organization's readiness to pull out of Lebanon along with other foreign forces (those of Israel and Syria). Arafat met with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel during the current New Delhi Non-Aligned summit.

At the Knesset committee in Jerusalem, meanwhile, Shamir faced withering criticism from both ends of the political spectrum.

Tehiya's Geula Cohen was joined by Yigael Hurwitz (Likud) in urging that Israel pull back unilaterally to the Awali River (just north of Sidon). Labour dove Yossi Sarid congratulated the two hawks for "finally beginning to show some realism" — and accused Shamir of seeking desperately to attain a situation in South Lebanon that would be no worse at least than that which had prevailed before the war.

Shamir for his part insisted that progress is being made in the negotiations, and said Israel must stand firm. Unilateral withdrawal is always an available option, he hinted, but it is not yet time, in the government's view, to invoke it.

Shamir admitted, in effect, that there is unlikely to be any Lebanese diplomatic representation in Israel on par with the liason office that Israel hopes to set up in Beirut.

Women demonstrate yesterday at the Knesset to mark International Woman's Day. Among the placards: "No more battered women," "Yes to free abortion, no to mobilization of the womb" and "an end to rape." (Isaac Harari)

700 women pack media symposium

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 700 women filled the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel ballroom to overflowing for *The Jerusalem Post* symposium on "Women in the Media" last night.

The demand was so great that a second room with loudspeakers was opened where those who had not registered in advance could hear, if not see, the proceedings.

A panel headed by journalist Yael Lotan discussed the role of women in the media. After a short supper break, a panel head by MK Shulamit Aloni discussed the way women are presented in the media.

Dr. Hanita Tsimrin, from Tel Aviv University's School of Social Studies said: "We see a development in the presentation of women in the media that threatens the woman, the child and the society."

Shuly Eshel, a documentary filmmaker, said that women working in the media can succeed, but to overcome the obstacles placed before them, they have to be "super-women."

Discussions from the floor continued long beyond the expected closing time.

- **Full report to appear in Friday's *Post*.**

Post press wins Best Brand prize

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Producing everything from telephone directories to bibles, *The Jerusalem Post* press has become well-known enough to win the Best Brand Award of 1983 in Israel's printing industry.

The award was presented last night at a special ceremony at the Tel Aviv Hilton to Yehoshua Halevy, press director. Among those present at the ceremony were: Gad Ya'acobi, chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee; MK Yosef Rom and senior representatives of public relations and advertising industries.

The Best Brand is determined by an opinion survey supervised by the Haifa Technion's faculty of industrial engineering and the management statistics laboratory. The survey was commissioned by the Kela public relations firm. A random sample of households throughout the country are questioned, and winners are entitled to display a special symbol in their advertising and letterheads.

The Press was founded in 1948, shortly after the bomb attack on *The Post* plant in Jerusalem. The press does mainly web offset printing. In addition to the bibles and telephone directories, its also prints three daily newspapers (including *The Jerusalem Post*), 16 weeklies and 11 monthlies.

DOCTORS' STRIKE

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already serving as cabinet ministers in this country, and that's why it is so hard to negotiate."

David Rudge reports from Haifa:

The response to the strike was confused and nearly half of the doctors from the various health plans reported for duty yesterday morning.

Many, particularly new immigrant doctors, were scared to break back-to-work orders which they had received, said a spokeswoman at the city's Beit Harofeh centre on Rehov Wingate, strike headquarters for the northern area.

The picture changed in the afternoon, after Ishai ordered the doctors not to comply with the back-to-work orders, which he said were illegal.

Clinics and health centres which were working virtually normally during the morning closed in the afternoon.

Temporary outpatient clinics at four centres were open in the afternoon, but few people came for treatment. Similar centres were also set up in Acre, Nahariya, Carmiel, Kiryat Ata, Kiryat Haim and Kiryat Motzkin.

The centres will be open all day today, and patients will be charged IS600 for treatment, as they were yesterday.

Itim reports from Beersheba that at the Soroka Hospital which serves the Negev, about 40 per cent of the doctors reported for duty. Only a trickle of patients turned up, at the casualty ward.

In Nazareth, many patients who could not get treatment at the Histadrut sick fund clinics because of the doctors' sanctions were taken to hospitals run by various churches, because the doctors at these institutions are not members of the Histadrut.

In Safad, many patients from Lebanon had to return across the border after they could not be treated at the city's hospitals.

In Eilat, doctors at Josephtal Hospital worked on a Sabbath schedule. Only a few patients came to the hospital.

In Ramle, duty doctors staffed Assaf Harofeh hospital. The outpatients clinics were closed.

The Nahariya government hospital released all patients not in critical condition.

In Ashkelon, duty doctors manned emergency stations and the casualty clinics. In the morning they could not handle the flow of patients, and there were some angry scenes among the crowds.

In Jerusalem, duty doctors attended to emergency cases, and non-essential operations were cancelled.

Man dies in accident

HAIFA (Itim). — One man was killed and two injured when a pick-up truck overturned on the coast road near Atlit.

The injured were rushed to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

The cause of the accident is unclear, and police are investigating.

Petrol cheats fined

ARAD (Itim). — Two petrol-station managers were yesterday given six-month suspended jail terms and fined a total of IS25,000 for selling 84 octane petrol as 94 octane.

Victor Guberman, 35, and Edward Smilmitz, 41, who operate a Delek station, will also have to pay court costs of IS20,000.

The suffering of our beloved husband and father

BERT I. LEBOW ז"ל

has ended.

In our hearts and minds his memory and particularly his gift of humour will live for ever.

The funeral will leave tomorrow, Thursday, March 10, 1983, at 10 a.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, for burial on Har Hamenuhot. Bus transport from 59 King George St., to Sanhedria and the cemetery will be available between 9-9.15 a.m.

Shiva visits may be made at 59 King George St., Jerusalem.

Two die as car blows up near Marseille synagogue

MARSEILLE (Reuter). — Two men were killed early yesterday when a bomb blew up in their car in what police said was apparently an abortive attack on a Marseille synagogue.

Witnesses said a Peugeot estate car exploded in a ball of flame only 100 metres from the synagogue in the Rue Dragon which has France's largest Jewish community.

Police said they believed the two men intended to throw the bomb at the synagogue as they drove past. They said it either exploded prematurely or the pair, seeing a police guard outside the building, decided to abort the attack and defuse the bomb.

One woman told French radio: "There was a big bang, and I saw this car completely on fire. There was one man in it, and one lying outside, both badly charred. The police said a bomb had gone off."

The blast came at the climax of a bitter political campaign by the right to unseat long-standing Mayor Gaston Defferre — also France's Interior Minister — who faces a second round of balloting after Sunday's indecisive first round in municipal elections.

Last week a bomb in a restaurant lavatory was defused by police. A group of Jewish children was due to hold a party in the restaurant to mark Purim.

Later yesterday, police evacuated the Marseille branch of the Bank Leumi Le-Israel France after the bank received a bomb threat.

Thatcher supports anti-terror judge

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — British Premier Margaret Thatcher has said that she supports the anti-terrorist sentiments expressed by Justice William Mars-Jones when he jailed the three Arabs who tried to murder Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov last June. Nawaf Rosan was jailed for 35 years and Hassan Said and Marwan al-Banna for 30 years each.

Speaking in her constituency of Finchley on Monday night, Thatcher said she was "absolutely delighted when the judge said we are not going to have terrorists on the streets of London. That is how we all feel. This is the standard in which we all believe."

Meanwhile in Damascus, the extremist Abu Nidal Palestinian terror group that claimed responsibility for the attempted assassination will seek the release of the jailed terrorists, a spokesman said yesterday.

"Logic and reason dictate that such revolutionaries do not stay in prison for a long time," Abdul Rahman Issa said in an interview.

Issa said: "First we will try by peaceful means," but he declined to say if the small and secretive group also known as the Palestine National Liberation Movement would eventually strike at British targets in an effort to free the three.

Mubarak meets in India with 3 more Arab leaders

Post Mideast Affairs Reporter and Agencies

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday continued to make progress in his bid to end Egypt's isolation in the Arab world, following Monday's groundbreaking meeting with Jordan's King Hussein in New Delhi.

Mubarak, who is attending the Non-Aligned summit in the Indian capital, met with Lebanese President Amin Jemayel, Qater's Sheikh Khalifa and Kuwaiti Sheikh Jabar Ahmed.

Like the earlier meeting with Hussein, yesterday's meetings in a lounge adjoining the main conference hall marked the first time either Mubarak or his predecessor, the late Anwar Sadat, had met with these leaders since their countries severed relations with Cairo following the 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Jordan has decided to end a four-year ban on trade with Egypt and allow privately owned companies to resume business with privately owned Egyptian firms, *The Jordan Times* reported yesterday.

The English-language daily said the decision was made after Jordanian officials scrutinized the fine print of the 1978 Baghdad agreement under which Arab nations pledged to stop trading with Egypt because of Sadat's overtures to Israel.

The newspaper said the Jordanian Ministry of Trade and Industry had determined the ban applied only to trade with governments and government-owned companies.

Addressing the summit yesterday, Mubarak reiterated Egypt's opposition to Israel's "continued occupation of Lebanon."

Some Arab delegates left the hall as Mubarak spoke, including Libya's Prime Minister Abdessalam Jalloud, who had made an unsuccessful attempt to have Egypt expelled from the movement.

Syria promises to punish attackers

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syria yesterday celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Baath Party's rise to power with public rallies in Damascus and pledges from Defence Minister General Mustafa Tlas to retaliate harshly for any attack.

Street, shops and restaurants were decorated and portraits of President Hafez Assad lined the streets.

Tlas said in a statement: "Syrian forces are now stronger than ever before. We are determined to direct two blows to the enemy for each blow we recieve."

CARTER'S VISIT

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set, asking Savidor why he had switched off the members' microphones and whether he intended to restore them.

Savidor spoke of the U.S. Congress, and, pointing to Ambassador Samuel Lewis, who accompanied Carter, said: "He is a future senator." "Where, in Israel?" was Carter's quipped reply.

Carter arrived at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday morning. He lauded Prime Minister Menachem Begin when speaking to reporters. "I particularly want to pay my tribute to him (Begin) as I did in Egypt to the late president (Anwar) Sadat and President (Hosni) Mubarak, as a man who is searching for peace and who has exhibited great courage in the past to take the first steps towards a comprehensive peace."

Carter prefaced these remarks by saying he is looking forward to his meetings with Begin.

The former U.S. president arrived from Cairo on the second leg of his Middle Eastern tour. He is scheduled to leave for Jordan on Sunday and to continue to Saudi Arabia, Syria and possibly one or two other countries before returning home.

He was greeted in the airport by Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and senior Israeli officials.

Carter began his visit officially at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem at his own request, although he has been there twice before.

Institutions must use solar water heaters

The laws obligating hotels, hospitals and educational institutions to use solar water heating have been revised, the Energy Ministry announced yesterday. The changes were meant to do away with loopholes in the existing law.

On the first anniversary of the passing
of the beloved head of the family

EZRA MOSHE MIZRACHI ז"ל

we will conduct a memorial service at the graveside on Thursday, March 10, 1983 at 3.30 p.m. at the Har Hazeitim cemetery, Jerusalem.

We will meet at the entrance to Har Hazeitim.

The Family

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother

BIRDIE SPIVAK ז"ל

The funeral will take place today, Wednesday, March 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Kibbutz Urim.

Leo, Rita and Family
Mark, Ziona and Family
at Kibbutz Urim

Candidates lining up for chief rabbi election

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three Ashkenazim and two Sephardim were in the running for the offices of Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbi last night, with the possibility that another Sephardi might be added to the list.

The five nominations were submitted yesterday, only hours before the deadline, after last-minute efforts failed on Monday in the Knesset to change the rabbinate election law and extend the terms of the present chief rabbis, Ashkenazi Shlomo Goren and Sephardi Ovadia Yosef.

The nominees for Ashkenazi chief rabbi are Sha'ar Yashuv Cohen, 54, chief rabbi and head of the rabbinical court of Haifa and Goren's brother-in-law, Yitzhak Kolitz, 61, a member of the High Rabbinical Court, and Avraham Shapiro, 65, head of the Merkaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem and a member of the High Rabbinical Court.

For Sephardi chief rabbi the nominees are Mordechai Eliahu, 54, a member of the High Rabbinical Court, and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, 42, chief rabbi and head of the rabbinical court of Haifa.

Shortly before the election board ended its session at 4 p.m. yesterday, Jerusalem attorney Michael Corinaldi appeared and asked for an extension until midnight last night to submit the nomination of Rabbi Avraham Shlush, chief rabbi of Netanya. The board decided that if the nomination were indeed submitted before midnight, it would consider adding the name today.

Shapiro is reportedly favoured to win the post of Ashkenazi chief rabbi. A fifth-generation sabra, he is considered a political moderate despite his link with the yeshiva known as the fountainhead of Gush Emunim. The other two Ashkenazi contenders are also considered political moderates.

Among the Sephardim, Bakshi-Doron is thought to be a moderate, while Eliahu is regarded as a superhawk. Here there is no favoured candidate, although Bakshi-Doron's age is said to be a factor against him.

The elections, due to be held on Tuesday, are taking place following frantic efforts by supporters of Goren and Yosef, among them Prime Minister Menachem Begin, to extend their terms. Until it became absolutely clear that the chief rabbis were not in the running, no rabbi was willing to allow his name to be put forward.

Water rates raised by 32 per cent

Post Economic Reporter

The Knesset water subcommittee of the Finance Committee, yesterday approved a 32 per cent rise in the price of water, 5 per cent less than requested by the Treasury and the Agriculture Ministry.

The price of water has lagged behind the inflation rate for months, with some IS500 million being added to the year's original water subsidy budget.

Even after yesterday's hike, water for agriculture is still subsidized by 90 agorot for every shekel paid by farmers.

Russians plan 'religious freedom' meet

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Soviet Union will hold a conference in Moscow on "religious freedom" next week to coincide with the Jerusalem World Conference on Soviet Jewry, which opens here on March 15.

According to B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League sources in Paris, the Soviets have scheduled their gathering to highlight the "religious freedom" enjoyed by citizens in Russia and to draw attention from the Jerusalem meeting. The chief rabbi of Hungarian Jewry is among those expected to attend the conference.

Meanwhile, former American president Jimmy Carter has turned down a request by the organizers of the Jerusalem conference to be guest of honour at the three-day assembly. To attend, he would have to extend his visit to Israel.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Jeanne Kirkpatrick will be the official U.S. representative at the Soviet Jewry conference, and will bring along a videotape in which President Ronald Reagan greets the 1,300 delegates and wishes them success. Over half the Israeli delegates will be former Russian immigrants.

Brother says Arens to right of Begin

By LEON HADAR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Professor Richard Arens, brother of Defence Minister Moshe Arens, describes his brother as "to the right of Begin," and says that it is "pretty horrifying to think that people like Moshe are in power in Israel." In an interview with *The Middle East*, a London-based magazine, Richard Arens, a law professor at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, said that the last time Moshe called him "was to tell me that he was going to be appointed ambassador. I told him I wanted no contact with him after that. One of the last times we spoke I raised the issue of Palestinian rights with him and he displayed total insensitivity on the subject. He wouldn't even discuss it."

The defence minister's brother in the interview attacked Israel's "genocidal" policies, which he compared to that of the Nazis, and expressed the hope that the Israeli people will eventually overthrow their "criminal leadership."

Teachers cancel today's strike

TEL AVIV. — A protest strike by teachers, scheduled for this morning, has been averted. The Education Ministry has agreed to pay the teachers their March salaries before Passover (March 28) instead of on April 1.

The fact that many teachers receive their pay late, receive the wrong amount or do not receive pay slips will be discussed tomorrow between Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and teachers' representatives.

Independence Day to stress heroic fighting

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At the initiative of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the government has allocated IS90 million to mark Israel's 35th year of independence as the "Year of Heroism."

David Admon, a Liberal Party leader who is adviser to Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, chairman of the ministerial committee on ceremonies and symbols, announced this yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem.

Admon said that the year will be dedicated to informing the younger generation about the underground movements in Eretz Yisrael, the removal of the British mandate control, the establishment of the Israel Defence Forces, the War of Independence and the wars since the founding of the state, as well as the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the struggle of the partisans and anti-Nazi fighters.

• DEFIANT DOCTORS

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interrupted by a whispered conference at the podium. "The police have received a report that someone has placed a bomb under one of the seats here," Ishai announced seconds later.

A heated argument ensued, with the IMA leadership demanding a search warrant and the policemen insisting on their right to "protect the public" and look for the bomb. "It's a trick," shouted the crowd. "They want to break up the meeting."

But the police finally retreated before the roar of boos and simply asked all present to get up and search underneath their seats. Some 4,500 backsides were visible as everyone bent over.

"Okay, that's it, we're grown-up people and we checked," said Ishai. "Let's continue."

The meeting broke up with cheers and smiles just before 1 p.m., when the temporary medical centres were scheduled to open their doors for the first time.

"This is it," one young doctor said as he rushed past. "The battle is on."

Beth Hatefutsoth
The Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora

Symposium on "South African Jewry" in conjunction with the exhibition "The Jews of South Africa". The symposium will be held in English.
Thursday, March 10, 1983, 10 am — 1 pm:
1) Introductory talk on the historical study of South African Jewry.
2) Session A: Zionism and Aliya: Retrospect and prospect.
3 pm — 6 pm:
3) Session B: Jewish Identity and Education in South Africa.
Friday, March 11, 1983, 10 am — 1 pm:
4) Session C: Recent Developments in South African Society and their Effect on the Jewish Community.
Participation Fees: IS 75 — members of Friends Association; IS 100 non-members. For registration call Special Events Department.
Beth Hatefutsoth is located on the campus of Tel Aviv University (Gate 2), Klausner St., Ramat Aviv. Tel: (03) 425161.
Buses: 13, 24, 25, 27, 45, 49, 74, 79, 274, 572.

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Jerusalem artist Michael Gitlin puts the finishing touches this week to his wooden sculpture, *Adam's Gate*, which stands outside the Beit Avraham community centre in the city's Ramot quarter. Weighing 1½ tons and standing four metres high, this new addition to the capital's public sculpture was commissioned by the Jerusalem Foundation.
(Rahamim Israeli)

Israel still hopes Beirut will want to do business

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel yesterday gave its reply to Lebanon's no-trade-with-Israel declaration of last weekend, in effect, asking Lebanon to reconsider.

In a "special announcement" read to reporters in his office in Jerusalem, Avraham Asheri, director-general of the Industry and Trade Ministry, declared: "Operation Peace for Galilee has created a new reality in Israel-Lebanon relations, especially concerning the movement of goods between the two states."

At a Beirut news conference on Saturday, Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem said: "Under no circumstances will we open our border with Israel for free movement of goods. With 95 per cent of our exports destined for Arab countries, establishing normal trade relations with Israel would in effect mean closing 22 borders just to open up one other border."

Asheri said that "considering the constraints and objective data," Israeli exports to Lebanon under normal conditions would not amount to more than $40m. a year.

To pave the way for Lebanon's reconsideration of its refusal to trade openly with Israel, this country has "unilaterally limited" the export of agricultural produce to Lebanon, he said. "In order not to harm Lebanese farmers," Asheri asserted, "Israel has banned shipment of citrus fruit, apples, olives and olive oil to Lebanon."

According to Asheri, the Israeli market is now wide open for Lebanese merchants. This was due to "the reality created in the past nine months (since the Israeli invasion) that there is willingness and readiness between our two peoples to maintain neighbourly relations."

Arens says settlers must keep weapons

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday that the time has not yet come when Jews can move about freely on the roads of Judea and Samaria without firearms.

Making his first Knesset speech in his new post, Arens was replying to a motion for the agenda by Elazar Granot (Alignment-Mapam), who urged that all civilians in the territories be required to return their weapons to the army.

Granot proposed that for self-defence, arms be distributed to the settlers every evening on an individual basis, and be collected the following morning. No civilian should be allowed to carry arms outside the settlements, he said.

Arens replied *en bloc* to Granot's motion and four others on unrest in the territories, and to a separate motion by Hanan Porat (Tehiya) on the recent death of Esther Ohana from stones thrown at the car she was riding in.

The minister congratulated Porat for having denounced Jewish settlers who take the law in their own hands.

Porat had described as "shameful" the shooting of an Arab girl in Hebron, and demanded that the guilty party pay the full penalty. He also asked that the settlers in Judea and Samaria not be blamed collectively for the aberrations of individuals.

Arens rejected the argument of Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) that the only way to end the hostility in the areas is to get out. The absence of Jews from Judea and Samaria between 1948 and 1967 did not prevent hostile action, Arens said.

He quoted from a recent interview in *The Washington Post* with deposed Ramallah mayor Karim Khalaf. Asked why there was not more terrorism and PLO activity on the West Bank, Khalaf replied that after Jewish settlements were established at strategic points, the commission of terrorist acts would be suicidal.

Geula Cohen (Tehiya) produced a stone that she said had been thrown on Monday evening at a car travelling from Shilo to Ofra, in Samaria. "It was a stone like this that killed Esther Ohana," she said.

She read out a letter she had received from an Egged driver who regularly plies the Jerusalem-Beit El-Ofra route. The driver described the problems of stone-throwing and ended by saying that despite Egged's directives, in a moment of danger, "I will protect my passengers, whatever the consequences."

The session was notable for an outburst from the mother of Esther Ohana, who was sitting in the press gallery, when Tawfik Toubi (Democratic Front) finished presenting his motion.

"Why do they let him speak?" she shouted. "My daughter they killed; who will bring her back? I have two sons in the army; who will protect them? You want them to go without firearms?"

Deputy Speaker Meir Cohen-Avidov tactfully requested the ushers to do their duty. And when Esther Ohana's sister refused to leave the gallery, Cohen-Avidov declared a five-minute recess. The family was later permitted to sit in the public gallery.

All the motions except Toubi's were referred to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Settlers hold out at Kahane's El Nakam

Jerusalem Post Reporter

El Nakam, the settlement established by Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement outside Hebron, has still not been vacated despite an undertaking by the handful of settlers there to leave the site by yesterday morning.

Shmuel Ben-Yishai, his wife Atida and their infant son were still there last night, and are refusing to leave until an alternate site is found for a Kach settlement.

The order to vacate El Nakam, a settlement never approved by the government, came from Defence Minister Moshe Arens in the wake of the investigation into recent attacks on Arabs in the Hebron area. Police are holding several members of Kach, some of them settlers from El Nakam, in connection with two shooting incidents in Hebron.

Kach members have claimed that Arens acted against them because Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the founder of Kiryat Arba and now a settler in the renewed Jewish quarter inside Hebron, has refused to support them. Levinger and Tehiya MK Hanan Porat were active yesterday trying to pressure the government to give them the Nahal settlement on Har Manoah, adjacent to El Nakam. As a compromise, the Kach group is being offered one or two buildings in the settlement.

Army officers and Defence Ministry officials are continuing to try and find a solution to avoid having to send the army to remove Ben-Yishai and his family by force.

Where to go for medical treatment

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If you are injured or ill today, medical help is available at temporary centres set up throughout the country. Each patient visiting a doctor in one of the 80 centres operating from this morning will be asked to pay a fee of IS600.

The centres will be staffed by senior and junior physicians from hospitals and clinics, who are not reporting to their regular workplaces until further notice. They will be open non-stop from 8 a.m. to midnight.

A partial list of temporary medical centres appears below; complete lists of locations in your area will be posted on the doors of each neighbourhood health clinic and at the local Beit Harofeh.

- **Emergency cases** will be treated at hospital emergency rooms by the small team of doctors standing by to deal with life-and-death cases. Patients who are not seriously ill are requested not to come to emergency rooms and to go instead to the closest temporary medical centre. But the Israel Medical Association stressed yesterday that every person coming to emergency rooms will be examined to determine whether further care is necessary.
- **Surgery** will be performed only in emergency cases. All elective surgery has been postponed until the end of the strike.
- **Scheduled visits** to hospital outpatient clinics and neighbourhood health clinics have been cancelled until the end of the strike.
- **Neighbourhood health clinics and hospital outpatient clinics** will not be staffed by doctors, although the Histadrut-run clinics (Kupat Holim Klalit) have announced that all staff other than doctors, including nurses, pharmacists and social workers, will be on hand.

Following is a partial list of temporary medical centres throughout the country, where medical care is available for a IS600 fee:

Beersheba — Zohar Hotel, Shderot Shazar
Arad — Arad Hotel, Rehov Hapalmah
Kiryat-Gat — Edith Falk Community Centre
Tira — home of Dr. Khalid Wattad
Ramat Hasharon — Neveh Magen youth clubhouse
Herzliya — the chess club, Beit Yad Lebanim, Rehov Wolfson
Upper Tiberias — Ye'elon Hotel
Tiberias — Hagalil Hotel, Rehov Nazareth
Safad — Rimonim Hotel, Kiryat Ha'omanim
Afula — Carmel Hotel
Nazareth — Dr. Muammar's clinic, opposite the Diana cinema
Upper Nazareth — community centre
Netanya — Hof Hotel, Atzma'ut Square
Haifa — Italian Hospital, Sderot Hameginim; Beit Harofim, Sderot Wingate 2; Zion Hotel; Marom Hotel.
Nahariya — Rosenblatt Hotel
Rehovot — Merkaz Beit Hatarbut; Beit Hanoar, Shearim: Beit Hano'ar, Oshiot; Kiryat Moshe community centre.
Ashkelon — Dr. Arieli's clinic
Jerusalem — Beit Elisheva, Rehov Elazar Hamoda'i; Beit Hano'ar Haivri, Rehov Herzog 105; Kiryat Hayovel community centre, Rehov Chile 8.
Ramat-Gan — Ramat Marpe Hospital, Rehov Jabotinsky 95; Kfar Hamaccabiah.
Tel Aviv — Ramat Aviv Hotel, Derekh Haifa; Commodore Hotel, Rehov Zamenhoff 2; Palace Hotel, Rehov Hayarkon 277.

UNITED MIZRAHI BANK LTD
and Its Subsidiary Companies

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet

as at December 31, 1982
(in thousands of sheqels)

	31.12.82	31.12.81
ASSETS:		
Cash and balances with Bank of Israel and banking institutions	27,741,927	9,008,671
Securities	11,909,496	4,372,610
Loans to the government	23,868,490	9,285,339
Loans and bills discounted	33,599,906	12,155,733
Loans out of deposits for loan purposes	31,439,186	12,143,377
Other accounts	1,277,983	330,910
Bank premises, equipment and other property	948,415	454,301
Customers' liabilities	15,792,518	4,626,950
Total assets	146,577,921	52,377,891

	31.12.82	31.12.81*
CAPITAL and LIABILITIES:		
Capital, reserves and surplus	3,320,733	817,714
Deferred capital notes	312,577	171,588
Deferred deposit certificates	354,806	52,014
Total capital	3,988,116	1,041,316
Minority interest in capital, reserves and surplus of subsidiary companies	1,439,038	362,919
Convertible debentures issued by subsidiary companies	485,596	41,776
Non-convertible debentures and bonds issued by subsidiary companies.	1,655,038	589,327
Deposits	73,679,471	26,434,401
Deposits for loan purposes	32,073,627	12,294,664
Other accounts	1,637,962	491,507
Debentures issued by subsidiary companies	15,826,555	6,495,031
Liabilities on account of customers	15,792,518	4,626,950
Total capital and liabilities	146,577,921	52,377,891

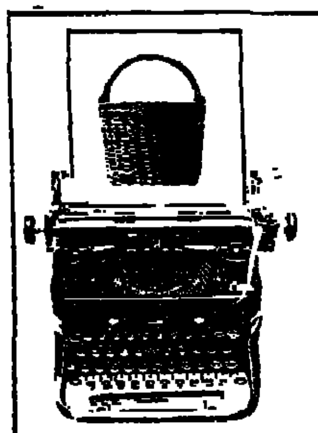
*Adjusted.

United Mizrahi Bank Limited and Its Subsidiary Companies — Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit and Loss

(in thousands of sheqels)

		For the Year Ended 31.12.82	31.12.81*
	Operating income before taxation	2,625,916	583,005
Less:	Provision for taxation operating income	866,258	219,311
	Net profit before extraordinary income and expenses	1,759,658	363,694
	Extraordinary income net, after related taxes	150,434	1,258
		1,910,092	364,952
Less:	Minority's interest in the net profit	690,536	158,419
		1,219,556	206,533
	The Bank's share in unappropriated profits of subsidiary and affiliated companies	11,011	4,440
	Net profit	1,230,567	210,973

*Adjusted



A GUIDE TO SHOPPING AND SERVICES

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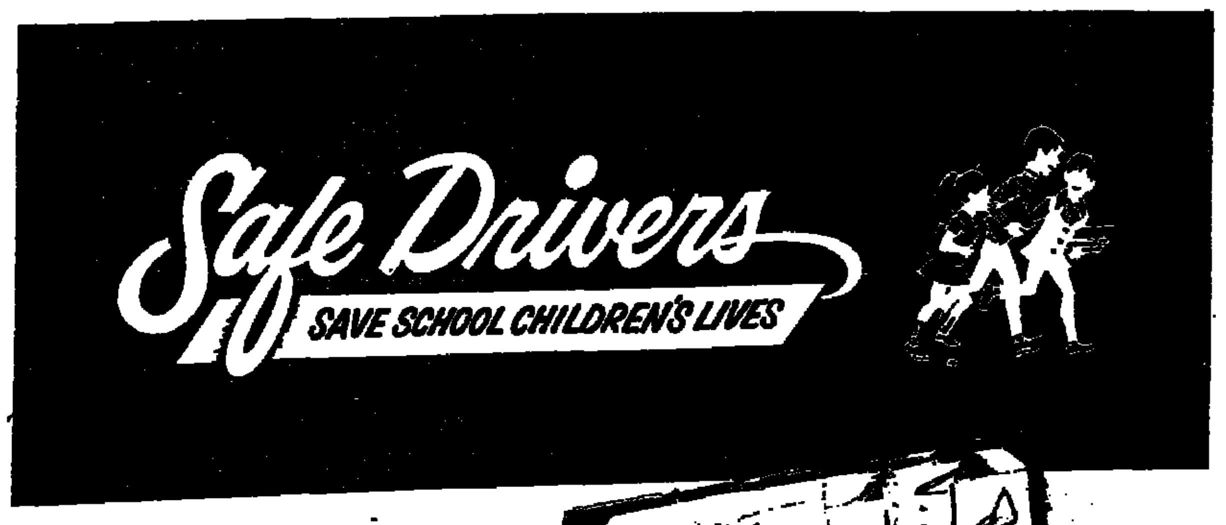


OPEC aims at uniform price cut

LONDON (AP). — OPEC oil ministers began a late-night session yesterday aimed at heading off a global price war, and a key Arab envoy said they wouldn't leave London without an agreement on a uniform price cut.

But Mana Saeed Oteiba, oil chief of the United Arab Emirates, warned reporters: "We might continue further until late tonight or tomorrow, so you should not be in a hurry and expect something very quickly."

Asked whether the ministers might leave the British capital without a pact, Oteiba said, "No. There is no chance except to reach an agreement."

The cartel is under intense pressure to cut prices for the first time in its 22-year history because a world oil glut has reduced its sales. Lower prices would be expected to stimulate demand.

Failure to reach agreement in London could trigger a series of price cuts by hard-pressed members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The result could mean lower energy prices worldwide.

Saudi Arabia and its Persian Gulf allies, representing the biggest oil-producing bloc in the world, have said they would reduce their prices unilaterally if the full cartel could not agree on a lower price. The Gulf nations produce about 40 per cent of OPEC's oil.

Indonesia and some other members have said they favour a lower price, but Iran complicated the negotiations on Monday by announcing it would never accept a cut in the OPEC base price.

Iran reportedly is selling its oil for as little as $26 a barrel, or $8 less than allowed under previous OPEC agreements.

Although Iran has been the most vocal opponent of a price cut, it apparently has some backers within OPEC. Venezuela and Algeria have said they are sceptical about whether a lower price would revive demand for oil in the industrial nations.

Economically hard-pressed Nigeria, meanwhile was resisting pressure to raise the $30 price it set unilaterally last month.

Britain set off the latest scramble within OPEC by cutting the price of its North Sea oil by $3 to $30.50 a barrel in February. A day later, Nigeria cut its price without waiting for the consent of other OPEC members.

Strauss may get finance, not foreign affairs

BONN. — West Germany's parliamentary parties met yesterday to choose new leaders after Sunday's general elections amid continuing speculation on whether controversial right-wing leader Franz Josef Strauss will have a key role in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's new government.

Political sources said there were increasing signs that he would not be offered the job he covets most — the foreign ministry — leaving open the question of whether he may accept another cabinet post, possibly with the title of vice-chancellor thrown in as a sweetener.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, foreign minister and vice-chancellor since 1974, refused to be drawn when questioned by reporters in Strasbourg where he was to address the European Parliament as chairman of the European Community's Council of Ministers. Foreign Ministry sources said Genscher would keep his post.

Genscher's liberal Free Democrats.. (FDP) remain in the right-centre coalition led by Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) and the Christian Social Union (CSU) of Strauss, although the number of their Bundestag (lower house) seats has fallen to 34 from 53.

Strauss, leader of the Bavarian wing of Kohl's CDU, had seen the foreign minister appointment as the price of his party's contribution to Sunday's conservative election triumph. But reports of his willingness to forgo the post and preserve the unity of the centre-right coalition government circulated as he and the chancellor Monday night held their first talks since the election.

Franz Josef Strauss

There were reports that the burly *Bavarian may be offered the* finance ministry, a post he held from 1966 to 1969.

The reports said the chancellor was willing to let Strauss have the finance ministry because he would like to see present minister Gerhard Stoltenberg, a CDU man, take over leadership of the CDU/CSU parliamentary part.

Genscher, already the longest-serving foreign minister in the West, supports NATO plans to station new U.S. missiles in Western Europe if the Geneva-based arms talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union fail. Strauss is also a strong supporter of the American plan. (Reuter, AP)

Iran, Iraq presidents shun Delhi summit

NEW DELHI. Hope for progress towards ending the 30-month war between Iran and Iraq diminished yesterday, after the two countries downgraded their representations at the seventh Non-Aligned summit. Aligned summit.

The presidents of the two Gulf nations were expected to attend, but Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hussein Mousavil replaced President Ali Khamenei and Iraqi Vice-President Taha Muhiddin Marouf came instead of President Saddam Hussein.

A conference spokesman yesterday listed the Iran-Iraq conflict as an issue which has reached only the stage of "lobby consultations" by *members of the political committee* that is framing the final declaration of the summit. This means it is not yet under formal discussion.

"The positions of the two parties to the conflict remain wide apart," said Cuba, the outgoing chairman of the Non-Aligned movement, in its official 82-page report on the world situation since the 1979 Havana summit.

It said this was the conclusion of the four-member Non-Aligned committee that in the past two years has met more than 15 times with representatives of Iran and Iraq at Teheran, Baghdad and elsewhere.

The committee is made up of India, Cuba, Zambia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Cuban president Fidel Castro had planned to declare in his major report to the summit that he was *certain the conference would* "avail itself of the presence of the heads of state of Iraq and Iran here, to take new steps along the path toward the necessary conciliation."

But Castro had to water down his statement after the Iranian and Iraqi delegations were downgraded.

Meanwhile, Malaysia urged the Non-Aligned summit to condemn the Soviet Union for its military presence in Afghanistan while Vietnam voiced support for the Moscow-backed Kabul government.

Malaysia also appealed to the summit to recognize a Kampuchean coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

The Kampuchean seat was declared vacant at the 1979 summit after a confrontation between the ousted government formerly headed by Pol Pot and that of Heng Samrin, which was brought to power by Vietnamese troops after they entered Kampuchea in 1978. (AP, Reuter)

Soviet, Afghan troops mass for attack on insurgents

ISLAMABAD (AP). — Soviet and Afghan government troops are preparing to launch a major offensive against Moslem insurgents in eastern Afghanistan close to the Pakistan border, western diplomatic sources said here yesterday.

The targets of the likely attack by the combined forces are the *provinces of Paktia and Kandahar,* they said.

The sources based their report on information on troop movements gathered in Kabul, the Afghan capital. They said troops are being mobilized from all over the country for the drive.

They said the attack will await the close of the Non-Aligned conference to avoid criticism from some of its participants who are against the Soviet presence in Afghanistan. The arrival of spring will also make troop movements easier in parts of the country still under heavy snow.

Diplomats confirmed that a large column of Afghan regime troops has been shifted from the *Panjshir* Valley, just north of Kabul, to the capital. The column is likely to be deployed in the offensive, reports circulating in Kabul said.

In recent weeks, Paktia province has been the scene of considerable rebel activity against Soviet and Afghan military bases and airports.

'300 Soviet cases of psychiatric abuse'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Amnesty International knows of at least 300 people who have been forcibly confined for political reasons in psychiatric hospitals in the Soviet Union since 1969, the organization said yesterday.

These were only the known cases of Soviet abuse of psychiatry, using powerful drugs as a form of punishment, the international organization said.

"Soviet and foreign psychiatrists have privately examined a number of people held in this way and have found no medical basis for their confinement," Amnesty said.

Amnesty quoted the case of one of them, Vladimir Tsurikov, a worker from Krasnoyarsk in Soviet Central Asia, who was confined three times after repeatedly applying to leave the country.

Describing the effect of drugs on him, Tsurikov wrote: "The triftazin made me writhe... I lost the ability to walk... The pain prevented me sleeping or eating."

Amnesty said it had learned of especially harsh special psychiatric hospitals where inmates had been badly beaten by convicted criminals serving as orderlies.

97 dead in Turkish mine disaster

ANKARA (Reuter). — Rescue workers said yesterday up to 97 miners died when two gas explosions ripped through a coal mine near the Black Sea port of Eregli Monday in the country's worst pit disaster for more than half a century.

Hampered by poisonous and explosive gases, the rescuers were still struggling to reach victims trapped in the pit 300 metres below ground.

A total of 84 dead have been recovered and the bodies of 13 more are still believed to be underground. Rescuers said they had given up hope of finding anyone else alive.

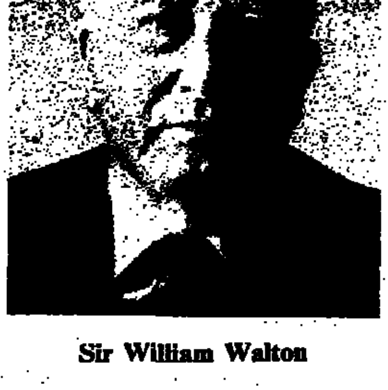
Disaster struck the mine Monday night when a first pit gas explosion killed about 30 miners. A huge second blast followed minutes later, bringing tunnel roofs crashing down on dozens of others. More than 400 men were at work at the time.

At least 86 injured were rescued from the mine.

Rescue teams worked with breathing apparatus in two-hour shifts to free victims from the debris, hampered by dangerous gases, stifling heat and the risk of further explosions.

16 Bangladeshis die in river-boat accident

DACCA, Bangladesh (AP). — Sixteen bodies have been recovered and more than 100 people are feared dead after a motor launch capsized in a river near Khulna, about 240 kilometres southwest of here Sunday night, officials reported yesterday.



Sir William Walton

Sir William Walton, composer, at 80

ROME (Reuter). — British composer Sir William Walton, who died yesterday three weeks before his 81st birthday at his home on the Italian island of Ischia, was one of the few internationally known composers who enjoyed popular music.

He first startled the musical world in 1923 with *Facade* which he wrote to go with Edith Sitwell's poems. It was influenced by Stravinsky and jazz.

His oratorio *Belshazzar's Feast* introduced so many innovations that the festival choir in Leeds went on strike just before its first performance in 1931.

Although he spent over 30 years in self-imposed exile on Ischia, off Naples, the British public still considered him among the most English of composers.

He was born on March 29, 1902, in Oldham, Lancashire, of poor parents who had an interest in music. He gained a scholarship to Oxford University for choir studies and was the university's youngest undergraduate in four centuries.

Peruvian folk singer Chabuca Granda, 62

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP). — Peruvian folk singer Chabuca Granda, one of Latin America's top folk music writers, died yesterday at a hospital here, five days after undergoing open heart surgery, a hospital official said. She was 62.

Granda was hospitalized in Lima, Peru for two weeks before she came to the U.S. on February 27 for a check-up that led to the surgery.

Sports

Maccabi headaches

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Tel Aviv basketball players leave today for Italy, not without some headaches, apart from the overall anxiety of how to beat Billy Milano in their European Cup basketball match in front of an antagonistic Italian crowd.

The headaches are caused by health worries. When Maccabi coasted to its expected easy victory over Betar Tel Aviv, 112-87 in the quarter-final of the local league, it was without the services of Lou Silver and Aulcie Perry, both nursing minor ailments and not wanting to take chances before Thursday night's all important game. Furthermore, Motti Oroesti left the court early in the game with a sprained ankle. On the credit side, Howard Lassoff again took up the challenge, and led the scoring with 24 points, to take Maccabi through to the semi-finals.

The team is confident that Silver, Perry and Oroesti will all be fit by Thursday night.

There will be a Ramat Gan derby in one half of the semi-finals of the basketball playoffs, as both Hapoel and Maccabi from Ramat Gan came through victorious for the second week in a row. Hapoel Ramat Gan trounced Galil Elyon 127-107 on Sunday night in a game highlighted by the great all-around play of Cliff Pondexter (32 points), who received solid scoring assistance from Or Goren (28) Yehuda Levy (17) Steve Kaplan (16) and Steve Schlacter (16). Brad Lief of the losing team got a consolation prize, as he gained highest scoring honours for the game with 37 points.

In a game that was closer than the final score indicated, Maccabi *Ramat Gan got by Hapoel Tel Aviv* 106-90 at Kfar Maccabia. Tel Aviv was holding its own in the first half, until its centre, Lavone Mercer, got into foul trouble and had to sit out most of the second quarter. Ramat Gan was able to edge out to a six-point half-time lead of 53-47. Hapoel, still playing without Mercer, fought back to tie the game, early in the second half, but was slowly worn down by the hot shooting of Doron Jamchee (28 points) and the brilliant shooting (23 points) and rebounding (17) of Carl Amos. Andy Walker (24) points, trying to be both playmaker and shooter for Hapoel Tel Aviv was outstanding in a losing effort.

In a game which was not as close as the final score made it appear, Hapoel Holon reversed its defeat in Afula last week by stopping the Galilee team in Holon Monday night 96-88. The home team built up a large lead and then coasted home to the victory, playing a good part of the game with an all-Israeli lineup, as Mike Carter, their ace American starter, ran into early foul trouble. Holon put all five starters in double numbers, led by Niv Bugin's 27 *points. Chad Nelson's 35 was best* for Afula.

The two teams will now meet in a 7.00 p.m. encounter in Holon on Thursday night to determine who will win the right to face Maccabi Tel Aviv in the other semi-final.

Battery under the baskets

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — Marc Iavaroni found himself ducking punches instead of dunking baskets as the Philadelphia 76ers handed the Detroit Pistons their third straight National Basketball Association loss.

During the emotional game on Monday night, two Detroit players *were ejected for run-ins with the* Philadephia forwards, as the 76ers snapped a two-game losing streak by defeating the *Pistons* 123-114.

Isaiah Thomas scored 24 points before he was thrown out with 18 seconds left for socking Iavaroni in the face. In the second quarter, Ray Tolbert, newly acquired by Detroit, was ejected for attempting to punch the 225-pound, 6-foot-10 rookie.

Detroit coach Scotty Robertson apologized to Iavaroni and to 76ers coach Billy Cunningham soon after the game.

Philadelphia's Julius Erving, who scored a game-high 35 points, said the violence was unusual.

In the only other NBA game, the Boston Celtics defeated the New Jersey Nets 121-114. Larry Bird scored 30 points and Cedric Maxwell added 19 to lift the Celtics over the Nets.

Bird, scoring more than 20 points for the 45th time in 60 games this season, dropped in six in the final minute, while Maxwell added four free throws in the final nine seconds. Albert King paced New Jersey with a season-high 31 points and Buck Williams added 24.

Shlomo's setback

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shlomo Glickstein, beginning his latest quest in search of glory, was unfortunate to encounter a formidable dragon in the shape of Steve Denton, ranked 13 in the world, on the opening day of the Belgian Indoor Tennis Championships in Brussels on Monday night. Denton overwhelmed him 6-1, 6-3.

Glickstein's slide down the ATP rankings — from 22nd last November to below 40 today — means that he can no longer expect to be seeded in major events as he was until recently.

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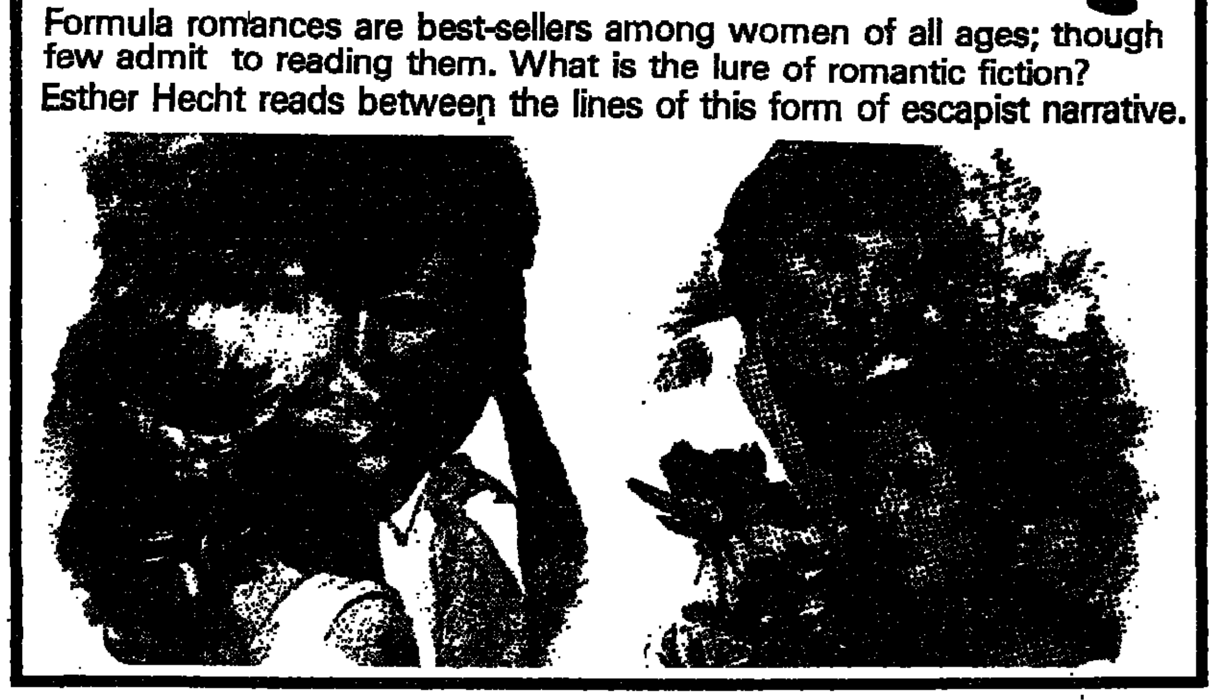
The tender trap

Formula romances are best-sellers among women of all ages; though few admit to reading them. What is the lure of romantic fiction? Esther Hecht reads between the lines of this form of escapist narrative.



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This, it would seem, is the recipe for success offered by American publishers Simon and Schuster to would-be authors of Silhouette Books — "the fastest-growing line of contemporary romance (books) in the world."

Lots of female and some male authors are cooking up fantasy fiction — and getting rich, too. But if you think it is simple, as I did at first, you should give it a try. You may well find that your are totally incapable of writing.

> *Almost mindless with delight, she didn't know which she was enjoying more, his mouth teasing her ear, or his hand kneading the fullness of her breast...It was all right when her eyes were closed; then she could enjoy the sensations while pretending it was somebody else lying there in a welter of sensual pleasure. But when he looked at her, his eyes burning with a need to match her own, she couldn't pretend anymore.*
> *(Love's Silver Web)*

Now, I try to incorporate my editors' suggestions in my own writing, but I cannot change my attitudes or style and portray women as sexual and psychological infants!

The passage quoted above expresses the basic assumptions underlying contemporary romance novels: Women have a need for love and they possess sexual desires, but these remain latent until Mr. Right comes along. Furthermore, women never initiate sexual contact, and are always amazed (or even shocked) at the power of their responses — as if they didn't know that "they had it in them."

These books suggest that it's still not quite decent today for a woman to have or express sexual feelings. This kind of an attitude is only a step away from the misguided contention that women have some sort of secret desire to be raped; women are seen as passive victims in sex.

The author of a recent article in *Ms.* magazine about romance novels quotes critic Ann Douglas, saying

> *"It is a frightening measure of the still patriarchal quality of our culture that many women of all ages co-sponsor male fantasies about themselves and enjoy peep shows into masculine myths about their sexuality as the surest means of self-induced excitation."*

The author concludes that, "Until a new female fantasy evolves, the romance industry will continue to thrives."

And thrive it does. Novels by and for women have come a long way since the 1760s when Jean Marishall was offered only £5 by a London publisher for *Clarinda Cathcart*. Today, not only can a pro churn out 10 books a year and earn as much as a corporate executive in the U.S., but the romance books are making big money for their publishers: They account for over 20 per cent of all mass-market paperback sales in the U.S.

Little seems to have changed, however, in the basic ingredients of these potboilers over the last 200 years — except that today heroines are somewhat more inclined to part with their virginity before marriage. The characters tend to be as flat and the plots as predictable as they were in our great-great-grandmothers' time.

A basic change in the books' format has, nevertheless, adapted them to our modern lifestyles. Eighteenth-century romances drew the willing reader through three long volumes before she knew whether the heroine would be safely united with her hero. Today's romance novels are over almost before they begin.

The average reader of romances in the U.S., according to surveys conducted by Simon and Schuster, is 28, has two years of college education and holds a job. Radio, TV, movies, magazines and newspapers are competing for her free time, and there are few hours to devote to a romance novel longer than 200 pages — an evening's read.

"After you come home from a hard day's work, relax with a Silhouette," is Simon and Schuster's pitch in the U.S. Most Israeli women probably "relax" after work with a sinkful of dishes, or a load of laundry to fold.

Israel is considered to be a book-buying country, but will the people of the Book become the people of the romance? Deborah Harris, one of four partners at the Domino Press in Jerusalem, believes that Israeli women can be induced to buy Hebrew translations of American fantasy fiction. Hebrew versions of British Mills & Boon romance novels have been around for a while, but no Israeli sales figures are available.

Harris' company has already introduced locally translations of Silhouette Books, starting with the Silhouette Romance series (white covers) in which the lovers rarely get beyond a few kisses. The cover illustrations — showing only the heads of the lovers — seem to "reassure" the reader that virtually nothing will happen below the neck.

Adult Israeli women, it seems, may not want this reassurance.

"A readership survey, based on response to feedback cards in the books, showed that many of our readers were teenagers," says Harris.

Domino decided to change its tactics, and switched to the Silhouette Desire line. As the name of the series, with its red covers and sexy, full-body cover illustrations suggest, there is more spice in this recipe. But it is still classifiable as mushy, super-soft porn.

Despite the hard male body pressing against the pliant female form, the electric charges going off each time hero and heroine touch each other (this might be an answer to the energy crisis), and the heavy breathing and groaning, the focus in these books is on what the characters are feeling, rather than on what they are doing. And their emotions are *never* moderate. If most porn is totally lacking in feeling, these romances suffer from an excess of it.

Harris offered me some free samples which all looked more or less the same (by design, not by accident). After work, the dishes and the laundry, I sat down with the Hebrew version of *The Captive Heart* (white cover).

I was so jolted by the preface that I never got beyond it.

"Dear Reader," it says, "It is our hope that our stories, our heroes and our heroines will give you, the reader, all you want from romantic fiction." In the Hebrew, that "dear reader" is male. I hope he gets what he's looking for. I decided to go back to English.

The red-covered *Love's Silver Web*, by Nicole Monet (undoubtedly a pseudonym) looked more promising. After a few pages, however, I realized that no amount of heavy breathing could make up for the fact that I despised the heroine.

Joan Burnie, writing on Mills & Boon in *Cosmopolitan* magazine, had a similar problem.

"Mills & Boon knows," she writes, "that women need to identify with the heroine within the first five pages...the root of my problem (was that) I *never* identified with any of the heroines on any one of the statutory 187 pages."

I couldn't identify with heroine Laura Spencer in a million years. The victim of an unhappy first marriage, she is determined to let no man get near her again. Jace Matthews with his Dick Tracy jaw, threatens to destroy her reserve and arouses "previously unknown sensations" in her. Time after time she almost lets herself go, then suddenly pulls back, saying something like "I need more time."

Even on their wedding night (yes, he marries her in spite of — certainly not because of — her maddening ways) she is *angry* because he expects her to do something more than moan and swoon. Finally, she gets the message and ultimately is "transported to another world, a world at first frighteningly strange, but soon a place she never wanted to leave." I hope she stays there.

After this, Mary Lewis' *Midsummer Bride* (white cover) was a pleasant surprise. Eve Tremaine is in Sweden, visiting her relatives, when she falls in love with her cousin Camilla's financé, Count von Stjerna. Eve discovers that Camilla and the Count do not love each other, and are going through with the marriage only to ward off a curse on Camilla's family, which would cause her father's untimely demise.

There is enough local colour and plot interest to make up for the general thinness of characterization. There is even a hint of depth in one character — Camilla's father — who may be feigning illness in order to encourage the marriage.

Most important, the heroine, though she is as nosy as Nancy Drew, at least has something more than pabulum in her cranium. I couldn't help rooting for her, and hoping she'd find some way — as of course she does — out of a very tangled situation.

It may be that by sheer chance I got totally unrepresentative samples of the white- and the red-covered books, but if I *had* to read more, I'd say "Give me white ones every time!"

Who *does* read these fantastic fictions in Israel? I tried asking friends and acquaintances at work. They all have more catholic reading tastes than I do, but none read (or said they read) formula romances.

In the U.S., says Harris of the Domino Press, most of the readers live in the south and the mid-west. Presumably, life on the coasts is so exciting that there is no need for vicarious thrills. Is life that titillating here?

Somebody in the Holy City *is* buying romances, according to the owners of the Book Stop, which sells mostly used books.

"Romances account for 30 per cent of our business. Half of those we sell are formula romances," they say. "A few men buy them, but 95 per cent of the purchasers are women — in their twenties, of all educational levels. They usually buy several at a time, coming back often to trade them in and buy more. Romances serve the same function as thrillers — pure escape — but in a gentler way."

Post literary editor Alex Berlyne, who was involved in the book trade during an earlier incarnation, says that the secret of romances is as old as Homer.

"It's all in the narrative. These books make you turn page after page to find out what will happen next — even though you know everything will be all right in the end."

A full report on *The Jerusalem Post* — Jerusalem Plaza symposium on "Women and the Media" — held yesterday on the occasion of International Women's Day — will appear on the "Today" page this Friday.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

A beauty by-word

A mixture of science, business and Zionism is behind the Helena Rubinstein story, Greer Fay Cashman learns.

H.R. Israel's general manager Abraham Nussen.

MOST PEOPLE associate "cosmetics" with make-up — coloured creams, liquids and powders which are applied to the face in an attempt to improve on what Mother Nature has given us. But in reality, cosmetics are much more than skin deep. They also have healing and preventive properties to strengthen hair and nails, to moisturise dry skin, to rejuvenate ageing complexions, and to keep unpleasant body odours at bay.

In the forefront of 20th-century pioneers in the field of cosmetics — both decorative and "helpful" varieties — was a Polish-born Jewess by the name of Helena Rubinstein, who made a science out of beauty and established a multinational empire which continues to attract new generations of followers throughout the world. Long after her death, her name has lingered on as a beauty by-word.

There are 80 Helena Rubinstein production plants in various countries, including Israel. The Israeli outlet was established a little over 20 years ago, when neither the size of the country (in demographic terms), nor the state of the economy could justify the establishment of such an enterprise.

"It was an expression of Helena Rubinstein's Zionism," explains Abraham Nussen, the company's general manager in Israel. "It was one of the first international business organizations to set up operations in Israel, and it's been an ongoing success."

Nussen declines to reveal the extent of the firm's profits, noting that it is a private company with a policy of keeping its sales figures to itself.

"But," he adds, "profits and products do grow from year to year, albeit on a limited scale."

Helena Rubinstein's main competitor in Israel is Revlon. For years, the two companies reigned supreme because most other international cosmetic firms were fearful of being subjected to Arab boycotts, and stayed away from Israel until the country's entry into the EEC. Once that was accomplished, attitudes changed and Israel was invaded by a huge variety of cosmetic lines which were previously unavailable here.

Over the past two or three years, cosmetic imports have grown enormously — both famous-name brands as well as a large number of virtual unknowns. The latter, according to Nussen, market short production lines suitable to a country with a small population.

Insofar as the better-known brands are concerned, Israel has become the recipient of surplus stock which is often sold here at dumping prices.

This may be a bonanza for the consumer but, warns Nussen, the danger with many of these imports is that if a product is defective, the consumer has no recourse for complaint. The importers and distributors are seldom local representatives of the companies concerned, and it isn't always easy to track them down.

The effect which these imports have had on both Helena Rubinstein and Revlon, have to some degree been beneficial to the buying public. With so many companies competing in such a small market, the established leaders have been forced to give big and frequent discounts, to expand promotion campaigns and to induce more sales with give-away enticements.

Nussen is not happy about this situation. He doesn't mind healthy competition, but says that when prices go up and down like yo-yos, there is a decline in customer confidence in the product.

Overseas travellers who buy Helena Rubinstein products at home and abroad will have noticed that prices vary from country to country. Nussen explains that they are influenced by the cost of raw materials, labour and taxes. Switzerland — which does not have its own Helena Rubinstein production plant, and imports the company's products from France and Germany — is one of the dearest markets in Europe. At the opposite end of the scale are Israel and Italy and, in some cases, England.

Israel has been able to keep its price down by engaging in direct marketing. "We don't use distributors and wholesalers," says Nussen, "and the savings in middlemen's profits are reflected in the retail prices.

"There is the added benefit that in Israel, the distances from the plant to the markets are shorter than in most other countries, saving on transport costs and guaranteeing the freshness of products. Sometimes it pays to live in a small country."

On principle, Helena Rubinstein products have always been sold at reasonable prices. Nussen claims that in previous years, he had to fight with the company's international "top brass" for permission to print recommended retail prices on the products. In other countries, the price is not printed on the packaging, but Israel is a country where price discrepancies for identical items vary enormously — not only from region to region, but from shop to shop on any one street.

Nussen argued that buyers are sometimes cheated and won his point about prices appearing on the goods. Now, when discounts are offered, the buyer is in a position to judge that they are genuine.

Nussen is not, however, an advocate of the discount system.

"At Helena Rubinstein, we prefer to give gifts with purchases because we believe that this is a better way to preserve our credibility."

In the final analysis, give-aways are better sales boosters than discounts, he explains, because the specific items given away are not the same as those purchased at any given time, and thereby serve to introduce the public to products with which they may not be familiar, but which they may buy the second time around.

"Helena Rubinstein is characterized by continuous research and development," says Nussen. "We always have the most adequate products to suit different skin-types for people of all ages, and for all seasons of the year. We exercise strong quality-control on all our production lines.

"The products which come out of our factory in Migdal Haemek are exactly the same in formula and quality as those produced in Paris, London, New York or Tokyo."

The bulk of local production is distributed in Israel, but there is also a limited export to Greece, Turkey, Cyprus and Germany. When one of Helena Rubinstein's sister companies in Europe runs out of a certain product, it often turns to Israel for supplies.

World-wide, there are some 800 Helena Rubinstein references of which 380 are sold in Israel. (Nussen is careful to speak of "references" and not of items, explaining that any single product is packaged in containers of different sizes which are catalogued as "references.") The range of products includes a wide variety of shades of make-up, skin-treatment products for both adults and adolescents, unisex products for hair-care and prevention of skin damage caused by the sun, three different fragrance lines for women, and two comprehensive lines for men which include after-shave cologne, shaving foam and deodorants.

In independent product-popularity polls conducted in Israel, Helena Rubinstein's cosmetics have been cited repeatedly as the "most preferred products," scoring as high as 45 per cent of the total votes — a large slice of a small market.

All Helena Rubinstein products, incidentally, are strictly kosher. The lanolin content is artificial, so Orthodox women need not fear contamination when using lanolized lipsticks. The products are also kosher for Passover. None of the ingredients including alcohol contains any substance forbidden for Passover use, and all have been subject to rabbinical inspection.

Boarding school blues

All in the Family/Eleanor Harris

A NEW IMMIGRANT from Canada, a divorcée, wanted my advice concerning her adolescent daughter.

The daughter is in a boarding school where she was placed with the assistance and advice of various agencies dealing with immigration and absorption. She entered the school in October and is now miserably unhappy and not functioning socially or academically. The mother — who is having integration problems of her own — feels the placement was a mistake and wants to remove her from the school.

There are probably hundreds of English-speaking students in boarding schools throughout the country, each one suffering the hardships of acclimatization. And when the kids are suffering, so are the parents — doubly because they know just whose fault the whole thing is.

The youngsters' typical complaints are dramatic, desolate, and devastating. Every parent has heard repeated comments such as, "School is a jail..." "All the kids are either crazies or dope-heads..." "The staff (without exception, of course) is incompetent..." "I didn't want to come here in the first place..." "I want to be with you."

There isn't a parent alive who could remain unmoved by such heart-rending pleas, especially if there is the slightest bit of truth to them. If you are a parent in such a situation, who is considering changes in your youngster's situation, then stop: Before proceeding, think carefully.

I can make no judgement about the schools in question — they may be marvellous or terrible — although from the standpoint of the physical accommodations, I'm certain they fall a little short of the "boarding schools" you had envisaged. However, there must be people on the staff (social workers, house-mothers, etc.) who have encountered such problems with new immigrants in the past. One would assume that they have a modicum of experience in dealing with students and parents who are experiencing absorption woes.

There may be language, cultural, and behavioural difficulties in consulting with the staff members, but they can and should be of help, if only because they've seen others through the same process. (And speaking of having "been there before," some of them may be a bit impatient at the criticism they hear every year that they are not fulfilling all of their clients' expectations.)

No matter how good the school is or isn't, the student is going through a rough period. The trauma of being uprooted and transplanted (with or without prior agreement) is difficult at any age, and from the standpoint of academic integration, it is a known fact that the high-school years are the most difficult of all. Even though for adolescents academic adjustment is the most pressing need, it must be remembered that it is still only one of the many adaptations and reconciliations that one must experience for oneself.

Learning to cope with a new social milieu while one is longing for the "old country" is not connected to adjustment to school per se — this only makes it even more difficult. In addition to the student's own trials, there are added spillovers from parental *klita* and personal adjustment problems. These are just a few of the normal, constituent elements in the absorption process, and none of these is likely to be much altered by a change of school.

But the plea that any parent would have the most difficulty in resisting is, "I want to be with you." This appeal, added to all the doubts and difficulties inherent in "making it" in a new country, is the real heart-breaker. Under the best of circumstances, all parents may worry that they are doing their children an injustice, if not inflicting irremedial damage to their psyches. In this situation, if the children imply that they are being rejected, then the parents' guilt can be overwhelming. After all, the separation is not only very real, but it has been carefully and deliberately preplanned. That the teenager was undoubtedly a party to these prior deliberations and decisions is of little concern in view of his or her current misery.

Considering the combination of circumstances — the student's misery, the parents' doubts about the original school decision, and their joint disappointment with the school — it's all too easy to decide that the school was a mistake and to withdraw. But the decision to withdraw, in my opinion, should be made with even more consideration (and a lot less haste) than should the decision that the school was a mistake.

The right to change one's mind and reverse a decision is unquestionable. What must be questioned very carefully is whether changing the school situation will *ipso facto* bring about an immediate improvement in the student's total adjustment. The quality of the physical plant, the food, and even the quality of instruction (there were bad teachers as well as good ones in the student's former school), are less important to the newcomer than sufficient time, time to find one's place in a totally new environment.

Given time and the firm support of a parent, by the end of the year, this student may be 200 per cent committed to new friends and to a new home away from home. But if he or she isn't and a change is still needed, then at least you will be in a position of having more knowledge of (and feeling more comfortable in) your new surroundings so as to make a decent choice.

The important thing is that *at this stage in aliya,* the student is suffering less from the school arrangements than from a major change in his or her life. To cure the effects of one change by effecting another seems to be rather risky.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.15 The History of Eretz Yisrael 8.40 English 8 9.05 Spoken Arabic 9.20 English 7 9.40 Ma Pitom 10.10 English 6 10.25 Literature 10.45 Nature 5-6 11.05 Math/Geometry 5 11.30 English 6 11.40 Literature 7-9 12.00 Geography 5-6 12.30 English 9 13.00 Science 9-12 13.35 English 9 15.00 Everyman's University: Study Programmes: Emerging African Nations: Viewpoint 16.00 Those Were the Days 16.30 Pretty Butterfly 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Somersaults — live weekly discussion and entertainment show

ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Kid's Club
18.45 Inventions and Innovations
19.00 Agriculture Magazine
19.30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.03 Rhoda: The Jack Story
20.30 Eight Thirty — art and cultural magazine
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Moked — weekly interview programme
22.05 All Fall Down. John Frankenheimer's 1962 film stars Warren Beatty, Eva Marie Saint and Karl Malden
23.50 News

JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.20 (JTV 3) Richie Rich 18.40 (JTV 3) Amazing Animals 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Benson 21.10 Marco Polo 22.00 News in English 22.15 Play of the Week

ON THE AIR

First Programme

6.11 Musical Clock
7.07 Schein: Suite No.1; Hummel: Introduction, Theme and Variations, for Trumpet and Orchestra (Maurice Andre); Albeniz: Excerpts from Iberia (Alicia de Larocha) Mozart: Lucio Silla Overture (Marriner)
8.05 Smetana: Symphonic Poem (Berglund); Schubert: Duo in A Major (Josef Suk, Rudolf Buchbinder); Bach: Suite No.2; Mendelssohn: Trio in C Minor; Mussorgsky: Boris Godounov, Symphonic Scene (Stokowski)
10.05 Bruch: Piano Pieces, Op.14; Yohanan Boehm: Concerto for English Horn, Op.19 (George Haas, Jerusalem Symphony, Eli Jaffe); Bernstein: Symphonic Dances from West Side Story (San Francisco, Ozawa)
11.00 Sephardi Traditions
11.15 Elementary School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for All
12.05 Mozart: Piano Quartet, K.493 (Lachs, Taub, Benyamini, Bergman); Reger: Toccata and Fugue in D Major (Elisabeth Roloff, organ); Noah Guy: Lost Hope (Emily Berendsen)
13.00 An Hour with conductor Colin Davis — Haydn: Symphony No.99 (Concertgebouw); Bartok: Piano Concerto No.3 (Stephen Bishop, London Symphony)
14.10 Children's programmes
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 From the Creator's Workshop
17.00 Talmud lesson
17.20 Introduction to the Oral Law
17.35 Programmes for Olim
20.05 Everyman's University
20.35 Where is that written? — The Bible in Opera
22.40 Oscar Gottlieb Blarr, organ — Blarr: Organ Sonata, Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalayim; K. Salmon: 6 Pieces on traditional tunes; Blarr: Songs from Jerusalem (with Cilla Grossmeyer; I. Kaganovsky, harp); Orli Lavan, guitar — Bach: Suite No.4 for Lute
00.10 Jazz

Second Programme

6.12 Gymnastics
6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts
6.35 Editorial Review
6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor
10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Matters of Interest — introduced by Gabi Gazit
17.10 Magazine
17.25 Of People and Places
18.05 Programme for Senior Citizens
18.47 Bible Reading — Job 10:1-7.
19.00 Today — people and events in the news
20.05 Sephardi songs — recordings of live performances
21.10 Jazz Corner
22.05 Questions and Answers on *halachic* matters
23.05 Good Evening from Jerusalem

Army

6.06 Morning Sounds
6.30 University on the Air — Dr. Tamar Golan lectures on the Awakening African Continent
7.07 "707" — with Alex Ansky
8.05 IDF Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now — with Rafi Reshef
11.05 Musical Requests — with Shira Gera
12.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yisraeli
13.05 One and to the Point — midday magazine
14.05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, interviews and reviews
16.05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew songs
17.05 IDF Evening Newsreel
18.05 Foreign Affairs Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.05 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.35 University on the Air (repeat)
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 Towards Enlisting
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat with Eli Mohar

BBC

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World Service newsreels at 14.00, 17.00 and 20.15.

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: Vice Squad; **Edison:** First Blood; **Habirah:** Best Little Whorehouse in Texas; **Kfir:** Return of a Soldier; **Mitchell:** An Officer and a Gentleman 6.30, 9; **Orgil:** E.T. 4, 6.45, 9; **Orion:** The Verdict 4, 6.45, 9; **Oma:** Time Rider; **Ron:** From Mao to Mozart; **Semadar:** Four Friends 7, 9.15; **Binyenei Ha'uma:** Singing in the Rain 7, 9; **Israel Museum:** Adventures of Yogi Bear 3.30; Michelangelo 8.30; **Cinema One:** Angi Vera 7; Prince of the City 9; **Cinematheque:** Citizen Kane 7; The Wind and the Lion 9.30

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: Bomber; **Ben-Yehuda:** World According to Garp 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Chen 1:** E.T. 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Chen 2:** Pinocchio 4.40, 7.25, 9.35; **Chen 3:** Diner 4.30, 7.15, 9.35; **Chen 4:** Hard Day's Night 10.30, 1.30, 4.20, 7.30, 9.30; **Chen 5:** Missing 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Cinema One:** A Little Sex; **Cinema Two:** closed; **Dekel:** The Verdict 7, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Incredible Journey 6; Sex film 12.15 midnight; **Esther:** Time Rider; **Gat:** An Officer and a Gentleman 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Gordon:** Tempest 7, 9.30; Streetcar Named Desire 5; **Hod:** First Blood; **Lev I:** Fellini 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Lev II:** Night of San Lorenzo 1.30, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Limor:** Pretty Baby; **Maxim:** Don't Give a Damn About Officers; **Mograbi:** Young Doctors in Love; **Orly:** Caro Papa; **Paris:** Longing of Veronica Voss 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Eaux Profondes; **Shahaf:** Private Popsicle; **Studio:** Le Trio Infernal; **Tchelet:** Monty Python Live at the Hollywood Bowl 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Tel Aviv:** Raise the Titanic; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Tree of the Wooden Clogs 6, 9; **Zafon:** Pixote 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Tamuz:** 1001 Lies About Picasso 7.15, 9.30

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amami; Victor Victoria 6.30, 9; **Amphitheatre:** Bomber; **Armon:** Clockwork Orange 4, 6.30, 9; **Atzmon:** First Blood; **Chen:** E.T.; **Galor:** China Liberty 10, 2, 6; Tough Guys 12, 4, 8; **Moriah:** Tarzoon Shame of the Jungle 7, 9; **Orah;** The Verdict 4, 6.30 9; **Orion:** Late to the Appointment 6 nonstop; **Orly:** Monty Python, And Now for Something Different 6.45, 9; **Peer:** An Officer and a Gentleman 4, 6.30, 9; **Ron** Lemon Popsicle 4, 6.30, 9; **Shavit:** She Dances Alone 6.45, 9.15; **Keren Or:** The Rose 6.30, 9; Little Prince 4.

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Lily:** Heavy Metal 7.15, 9.30; **Oasis:** E.T. 4, 7, 9.30; **Ordea:** A Little Sex 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** The Great Escape 6, 9; **Kfar Hamaccabiah:** Wild in the Streets 7.15, 9.15

HERZLIYA Tiferet: Just You and Me Kid 7.15, 9.15

NETANYA
Esther: Young Doctors in Love 7, 9.15

HOLON
Migdal: Some Like it Hot 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Savoy:** Raise the Titanic 7.15, 9.30

RAMAT HASHARON
Star: Les Sous Doues en Vacances 7; Salty 4; Annie Hall 9.30.

Money Matters

Lufthansa bucks economic headwind to end in the black

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lufthansa last year had a DM7.18 billion (IS115b.) turnover despite a general slump in the aviation industry. A spokesman here said however, that the airline expected "to feel the pinch of a depressed economy again in 1983."

The German flag carrier said it had ended in the black mainly because of tight curbs on expenditure. Since the line did not expect a high growth rate in the next few years, it pared manpower, fleet and routes.

Lufthansa managed to cut its fuel bill thanks to its modern aircraft, which are designed for economy, and because the price of fuel remained "relatively stable," the company said..

Revenues had increased, with the number of passengers rising by 2.8 per cent. However, this was less than the average international increase of three per cent, the airline noted.

Sixty per cent of the line's seats were occupied, on average.

The improvement was greater in the cargo division, where the increase of freight per kilometre was 6.1 per cent, compared to a 2.1 per cent world average.

However, plans to increase freight capacity by putting into service another Boeing 747 freighter did not materialize as Lufthansa's load factor dropped by three points, to 59 per cent. On the other hand, the line carried three per cent more mail than in the previous year. This compares with a 1:8 per cent increase world-wide.

Australia devalues $ by 10%

SYDNEY (Reuter). — Australia's new Labour government devalued the dollar by 10 per cent yesterday in a move to check a big outflow of investors' money. New Zealand — where Labour is in opposition — promptly followed by devaluing its own dollar by six per cent, so that its exports do not become more expensive than Australia's.

Australia's Prime Minister-elect Bob Hawke said the outgoing Conservative coalition was to blame for the flow of about three billion dollars (U.S.$2.6b.) from the country over the past few weeks.

As a result, he was trimming 10 per cent off the value of the Australian dollar against all major currencies, making exports of minerals and food cheaper.

He said he expects that much of the money which flowed out of Australia will now return because the devaluation has made Australian stocks and shares instantly more attractive.

Hawke told a press conference after his dawn announcement that the outflow of money from Australia was the result of his Liberal-National Party opponents saying during the run-up to the election that a Labour government would automatically devalue. In such "reprehensible circumstances" it was inevitable that investors would react by moving out funds, Hawke said.

The value of one Australian dollar dropped to 85 U.S. cents from 95 cents at the close of trading Monday. The New Zealand dollar was being quoted at 65 U.S. cents.

Bankers and economists said there was nothing badly wrong with the Australian economy, but the inflation rate of more than 11 per cent was almost double that of its major trading partners, making it difficult for Australia to be competitive.

Aharon Meir: 'We are becoming a holding company'

Mizrahi reports $36.6m. profit

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mizrahi Bank Group almost tripled its net profits in 1982, from $13.5m at the end of 1981 to $36.6m. at the end of last year, general manager Aharon Meir said yesterday. He added that the group's consolidated balance sheet had grown during 1982 by one billion dollars, from $3.35b. to $4.35b.

Like most other banks with international outlets, Mizrahi publishes its major figures in dollars. In shekels, the balance sheet rose by 21.4 per cent in real figures, to stand at IS52.4b. Net after-tax profits grew in real figures by 153 per cent (483.2 per cent in inflationary figures), to stand at IS1,239 million.

Although Meir indicated that he was quite pleased with the financial and physical growth of the bank, he said that he was more than a bit worried about the national economy.

"Of the economic problems facing us, only one, unemployment, has not got out of hand." Real wages, he thought, should not be raised this year. This would help control two of the huge problems afflicting the country, inflation and the adverse balance of payments, he said.

Asked about the "source of such profits" in 1982, Meir pointed out that a goodly portion had come from the bank's various affiliates ("we are becoming a holding company,") with the New York branch alone contributing $2.2m. towards the consolidated balance sheet.

To the question whether it was true that Mizrahi planned to turn one if its subsidiaries Tefahot Mortagage Bank, into a general commercial bank, Meir answered in the negative. "Tefahot will not become a general commercial bank, but the bank itself will open a subsidiary — which would be a general commercial bank," he said.

Moshe Mann, head of Tefahot, said it was planned to open a commercial bank within, or near, the premises of each outlet of Tefahot.

Asked how Mizrahi had come through the collapse of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange earlier this year, Meir noted that the bank was not directly involved in investments on the exchange and thus the "collapse" had no effect on it. As for the future of the stock exchange, Meir thought that "the public has learned its lesson and is quite wary about rushing headlong back into buying speculative stocks. If the public did rush back in, another collapse would be inevitable."

Eli Unger, one of the banks deputy-general managers, noted that about 15 per cent of the savings funds invested in by the public two years ago, (during the national election campaign), had been redeemed, "To the best of my knowledge, a goodly portion of these funds is flowing into the stock exchange, but mainly to buy solid stocks," like those of the major banks."

Meir also noted that Mizrahi was planning to raise $20m. on the Euromarket, and that locally it would raise IS1b. by issuing rights to present shareholders.

The bank's capital means had increased in 1982 to about IS4b., a real gain of 74 per cent over the previous year. Most of this growth was due to floating two issues during 1982, but $10m. came from issuing deferred certificates to non-Israelis.

The bank's employees at the end of 1982 numbered 2,152. Nine new branches will be opened this year: in Gilo in Jerusalem; Dimona, Petah Tikva, Ashkelon, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Emanuel, Efrat and in Kiryat Telsche, on the road to Jerusalem.

During the current year Bank Mizrahi will begin constructing its new headquarters with 17,000 square metre of floor space on Sderot Rothschild, corner Nahlat Binyamin.

ירושלים

IMPROVEMENTS IN TRAFFIC ROUTES AT PIKUD HAMERKAZ SQUARE (MANDELBAUM GATE)

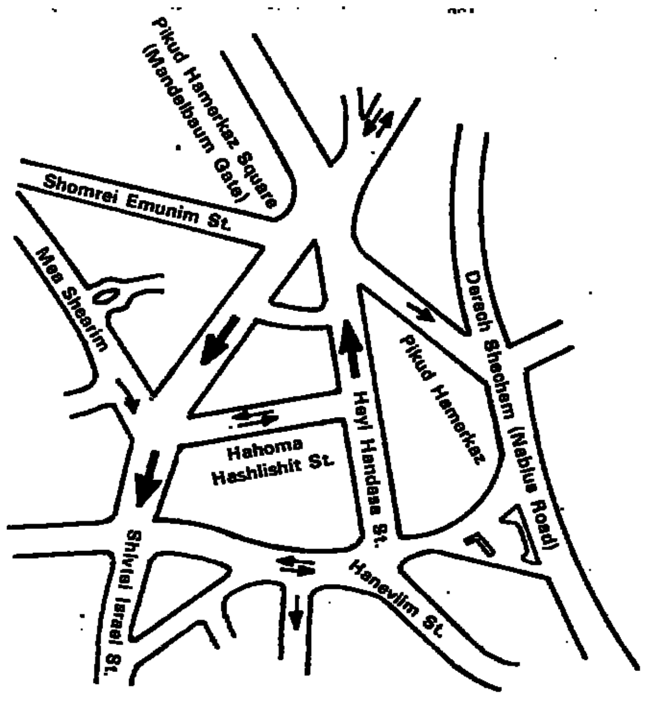
The Municipality of Jerusalem is carrying out work to improve the area of Pikud Hamerkaz Square (Mandelbaum Gate) and Shivtei Israel, Haneviim and Heyl Handasa Streets.

This work will aid the flow of traffic from the north of the city to the city centre and will help solve the safety problems of this area, particularly at the above intersections.

Beginning Thursday, March 10, 1983 (25 Adar 5743), the following changes in traffic routes will take place:

— Shivtei Israel Street will become a one-way street from Pikud Hamerkaz Square to Haneviim Street (traffic will flow north to south)
— Heyl Handasa Street will be one-way from Haneviim Street to Pikud Hamerkaz Square (traffic will flow south to north)
— There will be changes in the location of the bus stops in the area
— Vehicles coming from Mea Shearim Street will have no entry to Hahoma Hashlishit Street
— There will be no left turn from Haneviim Street to Shivtei Israel Street

Drivers are asked to take note of these changes and drive accordingly.



Engineering Services Department

The Information and Public Relations Department

Sol Line of Cyprus reopens Haifa route

HAIFA. — The chairman of the Sol Line shipping company of Cyprus, Takis Solomonidis, yesterday personally reopened the Haifa-Europe passenger route, which his company discontinued last August after only four months of service, due to heavy losses resulting from the Lebanon war.

The company has now put the passenger car ferry Sol-Olympic on the route — a higher class ship than the Sol-Express, which operated the service last year. Solomonidis told the press on board the Olympic that he had found that Israelis demanded a better service. The Olympic can accommodate 456 passengers in cabins plus up to 700 second-class passengers in pullman and deck chairs. The vessel can carry 220 cars.

Solomonidis pledged to run the service year-round, in the off-season between Haifa, Cyprus and Greece once a week, and during the summer season going as far as Venice. During the summer the Sol-Express will also ply the route.

Rosolio takes over at Hevrat Ovdim

TEL AVIV. — Danny Rosolio will replace Moshe Bancover as Secretary-General of the Histadrut holding company, Hevrat Ovdim Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel told the Histadrut executive on Sunday. Rosolio would be formally elected to this position when Hevrat Ovdim directorate meets next month.

Bancover was disabled by a stroke a few months ago.

PIPELINE. — Soviet workers have laid two thirds of the pipeline due to start pumping natural gas from Siberia to western Europe next year, the official news agency Tass said yesterday.

Robots shine at Technology '83

TEL AVIV. — The Technology '83 exhibition at the fairgrounds here was opened yesterday by Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt.

Special emphasis this year is put on computers and robotics, with several local and foreign firms showing their latest products. This includes the introduction of Israel's robot Gil/1 made by the Sharnoa company of Petah Tikva.

At the U.S. pavillion — the largest national pavillion at the show — General Electric showed its process robot model P50, while Universal Automation demonstrated its Puma 250.260 series industrial robot.

One local importer who seemed to be attracting visitors to his booth was N.R.G. International. Yitzhak Oved, the firm's manager had earlier in the day held a press conference at Beit Sokolov to describe a fuel additive, which he claimed allows a car to use petrol more efficiently. He also showed a motor oil additive, which provides the engine with a special protective coating so effective that it allows it to operate for a short time without any oil.

This reporter participated in a test drive of a car treated with the N.R.G. oil additive, from which all the oil was then drained. The car was driven in heavy traffic from Beit Sokolov to the Exhibition Grounds, a distance of about six kilometres. At the end of the trip the motor was not overheated, nor did any other problems develop because of the absence of the oil.

Argentina ducks repaying $1.4 billion

BUENOS AIRES (Reuter). — Argentina has suspended indefinitely the repayment of about $1.4 billion of its foreign debt, in a move described by private banking sources as unprecedented in Argentine banking over the last 20 years.

The Argentine Central Bank said in a communique yesterday it was suspending indefinitely the payment of "swaps," which are short-term loans to the Argentine government from foreign banks, arranged through the Central Bank, and often involving currency exchanges between central banks. It added that new regulations would probably be issued by the end of March.

The "swaps" amounted to $1.4b. of Argentina's total $38.7b. debt, the Argentine bank said in a communique two weeks ago.

The Central Bank's deferral of debt repayment coincides with pressure on the bank from the ruling military junta to investigate the origins of the country's external debt and deal with any loans considered fraudulent.

The Air Force is particularly keen to investigate the foreign debt's rapid growth from $10b. when the armed forces seized power in 1976, to $38.7b. today.

Several political leaders have charged that much of the debt incurred by Argentina between 1976 and 1981, under the administration of monetarist Economy Minister Jose Martinez de Hoz, was used to make speculative profits on Argentina's domestic financial system.

Loans made to Argentina by foreign banks for the purpose of industrial investment are reputed on occasion to have been deposited instead with banks in Argentina in order to profit from high domestic interest rates.

WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem

MUSEUMS

Israel Museum. Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Judaica, Art and Archaeology: Bezalel 1906-1929: Art of Bezalel Teachers; Portables; Letterheads by Pentagram: Primitive Art from Museum collection: How to Look at a Painting: Special Exhibits: Seder Plate, Vienna 1925 (from 15.3); Japanese Miniature Sculpture, 18th-19th cent. Netsuke and Inro; Pilgrim Souvenir Objects and Christian Lamps; Clay Jug and Juglet, Middle Canaanite Period IIA; Kadesh Barnea, fortress from Judean Kingdom (Rockefeller Museum); Wonderful World of Paper (Paley Centre next to Rockefeller Museum). Illuminated Haggadot, 18th cent.

Visiting Hours: Main Museum 10-5. At 11: Guided tour in English. 3.30: Film. "Adventures of Yogi Bear." 8.30: Special screening of "Michelangelo."

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS

Tel Aviv Museum. Exhibitions: Helmar Lerski, photographs 1910-1947: Michal Na'aman 1975-1983 (Helena Rubinstein Pavilion): **Opening 15.3 at 7 p.m.:** New Painting from Germany: A.R. Penck, Expedition to the Holy Land; New Painting (from Joshua Gessel collection). Continuing Exhibitions: Dizengoff House: Tel Aviv early photographs; East or West, architecture in Israel 1920-1933; Collections: Israeli Art 1960-1980: Impressionism and Twentieth Century Art. Visiting Hours: Sun.-Thur. 10-10. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2; 7-10. **Helena Rubinstein Pavilion:** New Exhibition — Michal Na'aman 1975-1983. Visiting Hours: Sun.-Thur. 9-1; 5-9. Fri. closed. Sat. 10-2.

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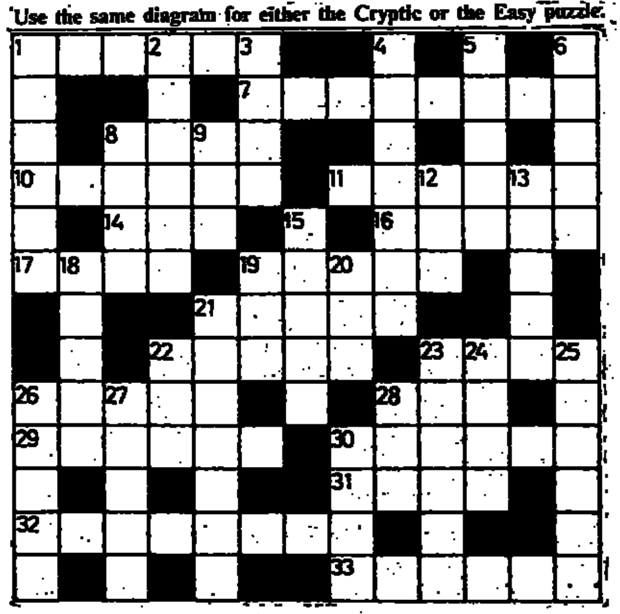

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Treat well as father, politician, and monarch (6)
7 The one thing a trick rider has going for him (8)
8 Noisy member for an agricultural area (4)
10 Keep out of bed (4, 2)
11 Something "see-through" but hardly flimsy (6)
14 Container from which to take gallons (3)
16 Finished with the last chap (5)
17 Forward-looking fellow (4)
19 Quick to take more than a chance (5)
21 Stocky animals? (5)
22 Use premises with a new gold key (5)
23 The appeal of supple arms (4)
26 Organ-grinder's gas? (5)
28 Childish piggy (3)
29 One way to change a name (6)
30 Cold beer (6)
31 One reversed in continuity (4)
32 Not a very rewarding thing to do (8)
33 Poem by a boy of ten, possibly (6)

DOWN

1 Can be taken as all part of the game (6)
2 Not necessarily Gary (6)
3 A meaty trumpet piece (4)
4 She doesn't show her true feelings (7)
5 Flogged about 100 to an unpleasant woman (5)
6 Cried during some wedding (5)
8 Not really an old master or anything (4)
9 A bit of a struggle helps keep you warm (3)
12 In the centre of the sky, it's often blue (3)
13 Go and get permission (5)
15 Draws a lot of old clothes (5)
18 A super actor? (5)
19 Restful part of the river (3)
20 Fair Ermentrude's passion (3)
21 Not like a wet skeleton (4, 3)
22 A bunch in the Bible (3)
23 Possible option to a draught (6)
24 Member of the *French* race? (4)
25 Stop someone being a criminal (6)
26 It's very bad when law-breaking includes a bit of fun (5)
27 Go easily (5)
28 Lighting element? (3)
30 Gets upset by us (4)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Pattern (6)
7 Testimony (8)
8 Continent (4)
10 Take off (6)
11 Piece of small shot (5)
14 Exist (3)
16 Spools (5)
17 European capital (4)
19 Celestial body (5)
21 Rented (5)
22 Loaded (5)
23 Root vegetable (4)
26 Angler's basket (5)
28 By way of (3)
29 Tangles (6)
30 Military engagement (6)
31 Insects (4)
32 Pitching (8)
33 Waits upon (6)

DOWN

1 Totter (6)
2 Provide protection (6)
3 Tidy (4)
4 Stuck (7)
5 Corner (5)
6 Accomplishments (5)
8 Man's name (4)
9 Frozen water (3)
12 Allow (3)
13 Dodge (5)
15 Skin openings (5)
18 Musical drama (5)
19 Detective force (3)
20 Adult males (3)
21 Consecrates (7)
22 Shelter (3)
23 Acrid (6)
24 Consumes (4)
25 Provides medication for (6)
26 Packing case (5)
27 Each (5)
28 Vehicle (3)
30 Sacks (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS.—1, M-e-g-an. 6, Earth. 9, Ma's-tiff. 10, Spout. 11, Fairs. 12, Major. 13, Freed-OM. 15, Me-W. 17, L-end. 18, Strata. 19, Seals. 20, Admits. 22, Case. 24, Say. 25, Starter. 26, Snake. 27, Spo-OK. 28, Pinta. 29, Serio-us. 30, Error. 31, Penny.

DOWN.—2, Expire. 3, Amused. 4, Nat. 5, Steam. 6, Efforts. 7, Afar. 8, T-arge-T. 12, Mod-ES. 13, F-L-eas. 14, Ene-my. 15, MA-rat. 16, Water. 18, Slate. 19, Stinker. 21, Dapper. 22, Cruise. 23, Sexton. 25, Skein. 26, So-so. 28, P-ep.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS.—1, Grass. 6, Sings. 9, Parents. 10, Plead. 11, Rifle. 12, Dries. 13, Angered. 15, Toe. 17, Stud. 18, Attend. 19, Avers. 20, Empire. 22, Mere. 24, Day. 25, Deputed. 26, Beard. 27, Libra. 28, Ethic. 29, Irksome. 30, Ogles. 31, Urged.

DOWN.—2, Relent. 3, Spared. 4, Sad. 5, Weird. 6, Streets. 7, Isis. 8, Gallon. 12, Delve. 13, Asked. 14, Guppy. 15, Tenet. 16, Edged. 18, Armed. 19, Arrears. 21, Making. 22, Muster. 23, Revile. 25, Dross. 26, Brie. 28, Emu.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

Share rally fizzles out

TEL AVIV. — The rally earlier this week could not muster sufficient strength to carry through for the third consecutive session yesterday. On balance, most groups of trading eased by small margins, while the General Share Index, commercial bank shares excepted, was down by 0.11%. Turnovers slumped to IS611 million but part of the slowness in activity was because the United Mizrahi Bank shares did not trade as the bank announced its financial results for 1982. UMB had a good year, with net profits at IS1.23 billion. (Story on page 6).

The index-linked bond market performed indifferently, with only the 4% linked bonds moving ahead by as much as 2%.

The shekel was devalued by 8 agorot against the dollar.

Once again the public stayed away from the market. There was less volatility that was seen over the preceding two sessions. Seven issues were "sellers only," while only three were "buyers only." A total of 4 securities were down by more than 5%, as 19 were ahead by similar percentages.

Commercial bank shares continued, for the greater part, to inch upwards. Maritime Bank 0.1 was up by 3%, while the .5 issues was unchanged. A Danot .0 edged higher by 2%, but the 5.0

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Danot shares were down by nearly 7%. The shares of First International eased by 2.6%, while FIBI was off by more than 1%. There was little action in the mortgage bank group, where the majority of shares posted minor advances.

Insurance issues were lower, for the greater part. Hassneh (b) was down by 9.3% while Yardenia 0.5 was 9.5% lower. Zion Holdings 5.0 dipped by 8%.

The service and trade sector came under selling pressure and prices dropped. Delek (b) popped up on the "sellers only" list, Lighterage 0.1 slipped by 7.4% as the 1.0 issue, on a trade of IS300 nominal value, was nearly 5% lower. Teta 5.0 was tripped up and lost 9.4% while the option was down by 11.4%.

Land development and real estate stocks were only slightly lower. Lumir 1.0 was down by 7%, while Bayside 0.1 was "sellers only." Isras was nearly 7% lower. Rassco pref. was clipped for a loss of 10.1%.

Industrials, on balance, were also somewhat lower. The shares of Alliance were "buyers only." The action came in the wake of Koor Industries announcing that it had sold Alliance shares worth $9.5m. to American investors. The Ondine options were hit for a 14% fall, but the 5.0 shares were unchanged. Dexter was ahead by 10%, while Zikit 1.0 was up by nearly the same figure. Man 1.0 was hard hit and absorbed a 15.1% loss. Nechushtan 01.1 was 9.9% lower. Ta'al (r) fell by 10.1%.

The investment company sector was able to muster a winning session. Wolfson 1.0 was 10% higher, but Jordan Exploration was hit for a loss of more than 9%. The shares of the Israel Corporation traded unchanged.

Oil shares were volatile and wound up at lower levels.

Clal Real Estate will trade today ex-bonus shares and from a base of 228.

Caesarea 0.1 and 0.5 will also trade ex-bonus shares. The former will begin trading at 423 while the latter have been established at 134.5.

Zikit 1.0 and 5.0 will also go ex-bonus shares.

Most active stocks

Leumi	2112	2,758.0	+11
Drucker 1.0	449	2,388	n.c.
Discount B	3194	2,386.2	n.c.
Shares traded:		IS604.3m.	
Convertibles:		IS6.7m.	
Bonds:		IS113.6m.	

Call for lower prices in tourism

Tourism minister Avraham harir yesterday called on tourism rms in Israel to lower their prices, nd on airlines to reduce their fares or incoming tourists. He was surveying his ministry's activities in the ontext of the ongoing budget ebate, in the Knesset.

Sharir said that the number of ourists to Israel declined in 1982 by 2 per cent (997,073, as against ,137,100 in 1981), and that income rom tourism dropped by 8 per cent $875 million, as against $956m.). ixty per cent of the tourists were on-Jews.

The ministry has signed a contract with a large American public elations firm that will launch a ublicity campaign next month to encourage tourism to Israel. Sharir said the campaign will concentrate on the three major television networks on the East Coast under the slogan, "Come to Israel — Be Among Friends!"

Sharir said that foreign-currency income from tourism in 1982 constituted 25 per cent of the country's total exports of services (excluding capital services). Net foreign currency income from the export of diamonds and agricultural products together was less than net foreign currency from tourism.

The $875m. income from tourism in 1982 includes $175m. spent here by tourists on domestic products — notably leather goods, wearing apparel, jewelry and souvenirs.

Computerized sail to save 50% on fuel

TOKYO (Reuter). — Japan plans to start operating the world's first ocean-going bulk carrier rigged with computerized sails next year.

The semi-official Japan Marine Machinery Development Association (JAMDA) said this week the 15,000-ton energy-saving ship would be completed in August next year at a cost of more than 2.7 billion yen ($11.4 million).

The design of the ship will be based on the successful performance over the past two-and-a-half years of a smaller ship rigged with two computerized sails, developed by JAMDA and Nippon Kokan, a big shipbuilder.

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U.S. dollar	38.1999
British sterling	57.6379
~~German mark~~	~~15.9588~~
~~French franc~~	~~5.5715~~
Dutch guilder	14.4151
Swiss franc	18.6637
Swedish krona	5.1403
Norwegian krone	5.3475
Danish krone	4.4412
Finnish mark	7.0938
Canadian dollar	31.2112
Australian dollar	32.8328
South African rand	35.1153
Belgian franc (10)	8.0979
Austrian schilling (10)	22.7049
Italian lire (100)	2.6958
Japanese yen (100)	16.1079
Jordanian dinar	107.34
Lebanese pound	9.39
Egyptian pound	33.9979

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 99 of the Succession Law of 5725-1965, that Tel Aviv — Yafo District Court has issued an Order dated February 9, 1983 appointing the undersigned as Administrator of the above Estate.

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	Selling	Buying
US$	38.3902	38.0097
DM	16.0528	15.8936
Swiss FR	18.7590	18.5730
Sterling	57.7964	57.2236
French FR	5.6208	5.5651
Dutch G	14.4978	14.3541
Austrian SH (10)	22.8106	22.5844
Swedish KR	5.1659	5.1146
Danish KR	4.4575	4.4133
Norwegian KR	5.3726	5.3193
Finnish MK	7.1344	7.0836
Canadian $	31.3966	31.0854
Rand	35.2729	34.9233
Australian $	32.8937	32.5648
Belgian Con (10)	8.1404	8.0597
Belgian Fin (10)	7.6322	7.5568
Yen (100)	16.1899	16.0293
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Dutch G	2.6515/30	per $
Yen	235.35/50	per $
Danish KR	8.6075/6175	per $
Norwegian KR	7.1430/80	per $
Swedish KR	7.4290/4340	per $

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Sw.FR/$	2.0318/338	2.0128/146	2.0258/285

	Closing price	Volume IS1,000	Change	% change
Commercial Banks				
IDP p.	67000	—	n.c.	—
IDB r	2530	241	+18	+.7
IDB B r	2601	492	+27	+1.1
IDB p. A.	15850	2	+350	+2.3
IDB op 7	—	—	—	—
IDB op 11	1860	156	+10	+.5
Union r	2340	168	+10	+.4
Union op 4 r	8393	1	n.c.	—
Discount r	3194	2,386	n.c.	—
Discount A r	3209	237	+15	+.5
Discount op 2	2590	46	+20	+.8
Discount B	358	51	+2	+.6
Mizrahi r	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi b	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 3	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 10	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 11	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi sc 6	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi op 7	—	—	—	—
Mizrahi sc 9	—	—	—	—
Maritime 0.1	1360	308	+40	+3.0
Maritime 0.5	519	1,027	n.c.	—
Hapoalim p. B	5700	1	+145	+2.6
Hapoalim r	4254	511	+16	+.4
Hapoalim b	4254	—	+16	+.4
Hapoalim op 7	14140	2	n.c.	—
Hapoalim op 13	3410	62	+82	+2.5
Hapoalim sc 6	9200	—	n.c.	—
Hapoalim sc 8	6430	2	+170	+2.7
General A	9730	39	+60	+.6
General op 6	19800	10	n.c.	—
General op 8	8080	3	+200	+2.5
General sc 5	2711	2	+1	—
General 7	184	159	+5	+2.8
Leumi	2112	2,758	+11	+.5
Leumi op 4	11360	2	+200	+1.8
Leumi op 13	1535	68	+41	+2.7
Leumi sc 9	1453	6	+14	+1.0
Leumi sc 11	397	196	+3	+.8
OHH r	3587	17	+87	+2.5
Finance Trade 1	4603	7	+35	+.8
Finance Trade 5	2327	52	+15	+.7
Finance Tr. op	1765	9	+15	+.9
N. American 1	3296	36	+20	+.6
N. American 5	2316	62	+14	+.6
Danot 1.0	1442	71	+28	+2.0
Danot 5.0	410	744	—30	—6.8
Danot sc 2	706	11	+18	+2.6
First Int'l 5	1312	431	—35	—2.6
FIBI	806	655	—10	—1.2
Mortgage Banks				
Adanim 0.1	1336	17	n.c.	—
Gen Mortgage	1800	138	+35	+2.0
Gen Mortgage	1789	4	+54	+3.1
Carmel r	3695	19	+35	+1.0
Carmel op A	—	—	—	—
Binyan	1328	77	+50	+3.9
DevMortgage r	1077	2,781	n.c.	—
DevMortgage b	1100	5	n.c.	—
Mishkan r	5655	34	+55	+1.0
Mishkan b	5655	1	+55	+1.0
Independence	5000	5	—100	—2.0
Indep. op 1	3551	1	+101	+2.9
Tefahot p. r	5240	1	n.c.	—
Tefahot r	5435	392	+40	+.7
Tefahot b	5340	4	n.c.	—
Tefahot 2%	9250	—	—50	—.5
Tefahot op A	3960	39	—40	—1.0
Tefahot op B	600	555	+22	+3.8
Tefahot d 1.	188	675	—	+.3
Merav r	530	153	—10	—1.9
Financing Institution				
Shilton r	635	157	+5	+.8
Shilton op B	2000	—	+53	+2.7
Shilton sc 1	—	—	—	—
Shilton sc 2	—	—	—	—
Otzar Lat. r	1228	42	—8	—.7
Otzar Lat. b	1275	5	+10	+.8
Contractors C.	323	162	+8	+2.5
Agriculture A	14000	1	+269	+2.0
Ind Dev p.r.	22799	32	n.c.	—
Clal Lease 0.1	1175	21	—15	—1.3
Clal Lease 0.5	498	118	—28	—5.3
Clal Lease op B	490	1	+50	+11.4
Clal Lease sc 1	259	35	+9	+3.6
Insurance				
Aryeh r	1335	112	+15	+1.1
Aryeh op	47800	—	n.c.	—
Aryeh op B	787	61	n.c.	—
Aryeh sc 1	1585	—	—	—
Ararat 0.1 r	1501	33	+100	+7.1
Ararat 0.5 r	697	46	n.c.	—
Reinsur. 0.1 r	3130	—	—30	—1.0
Reinsur. 0.5 r	2305	36	+35	+1.5
Reinsur. op 1	1875	3	n.c.	—
Hadar 1.0	950	109	+45	+5.0
Hadar 5.0	613	191	+25	+4.3
Hadar op 1	458	28	+28	+6.5
Hassneh r	1495	227	n.c.	—
Hassneh b	1580	3	—162	—9.3
Hassneh op 3	1415	12	—10	—.7
Phoenix 0.1 r	3500	3	—270	—7.2
Phoenix 0.5 r	2520	—	—50	—2.0
Hamishmar	262	80	—10	—31.7
Hamishmar	163	200	—17	—9.4
Hamishmar op	174	215	—1	—.6
Yardenia 0.1 r	1133	36	n.c.	—
Yardenia 0.5 r	450	94	—47	—9.5
Yardenia op 1	855	5	—55	—6.0
Menora 1	2157	47	+12	+.6
Menora 5	1165	6	n.c.	—
Sahar r	1599	40	n.c.	—
Securitas r	700	155	n.c.	—
Zur r	2940	20	+50	+1.7
Zur op 2	2499	2	+39	+1.6
Zion Hold. 1.0	458	80	—16	—3.4
Zion Hold. 5.0	265	255	—23	—8.0
Services & Utilities				
Galei Zohar 1	290	57	+8	2.8
Galei Zohar 5	159	193	—8	—4.8
Galei Zo. op 1	100	127	—16	—13.8
Data Mikun	460	207	+8	+1.8
Delek r	2301	25	n.c.	—
Delek b	2821	s.o.1	—149	—5.0
Harel 1	385	203	+6	+1.6
Harel 5	211	140	+1	+.5
Harel op 2	149	11	+9	+6.4
Lighterage 0.1	851	43.3	—68	—7.4
Lighterage 0.5	508	s.o.1	—27	—5.1
Cold Store 0.1	23000	—	—1192	—4.9
Cold Store 1.0	6700	4	—455	—6.4
Israel Electric r	9075	21	+825	+10.0
Dan Hotels 1	454	81	n.c.	—
Dan Hotels 5	300	36	—3	—1.0
Coral Beach	149	365	+3	+2.4
Coral B. op 1	119	3	+2	+2.2
Hilan	860	120	n.c.	—
Hilan op	480	48	—30	—5.9
Teta 1	393	106	—32	—7.5
Teta 5	193	100	—20	—9.4
Teta op	125	249	—16	—11.4
Clal Comp	970	86	—19	—1.9
Malal 1	725	321	—73	—9.2
Malal 5	480	186	—10	—2.0
Magor 0.1	575	66	n.c.	—
Magor 0.5	198	50	n.c.	—
Magor op 1	2048	18	+97	+5.0
Bond Ware 0.	473	s.o.1	—25	—5.0
Bond Ware 0.	211	240	—5	—2.3
Bond Ware op	141	180	+2	+1.4
Yahalom	186	58	n.c.	—
Yahalom op 1	125	88	+19	+17.9
Nikuv 1.0	700	70	—26	—3.6
Nikuv 5.0	569	s.o.1	—30	—5.0
Nikuv op 1	578	10	+15	+2.7
Consort. Hold.	1368	s.o.1	—72	—5.0
Consortium op	1391	5	+71	+5.4
Crystal 1	1681	79	+101	+6.4
Rapac 0.1	2079	4	+179	+9.4
Rapac 0.5	497	60	—40	—7.5
Supersol 2	4220	8	n.c.	—
Supersol 10	2060	90	n.c.	—
Supersol op B	1705	—	—5	—.3
Land, Building, Citrus				
Oren	319	1,027	+7	2.2
Oren op 1	624	7	—77	—11.0
Azorim Invest.	425	97	—6	—1.4
Azorim r	470	287	—10	—2.1
Azorim op C	2990	5	n.c.	—
Azorim op D	1058	6	n.c.	—
Azorim op E	409	53	+19	+4.9
Africa Isr. 0.1	6650	8	—10	—.2
Africa Isr. 1.0	5620	11	—10	—.2
Africa op 2	4020	7	—280	—6.5
Arledan 0.1	351	137	+12	+3.5
Arledan 0.5	202	141	+3	+1.5
Arled. op A	510	20	+50	+10.9
Ben Yakar 1	1500	47	—93	—5.8
Ben Yakar op	1550	16	n.c.	—
Baranovitz 1	270	459	n.c.	—
Baranovitz 5	181	217	n.c.	—
Baranovitz op	125	81	+4	+3.7
Dankner 1	263	151	—8	—3.0
Darad 0.1	449	2,388	n.c.	—
Darad 0.5	200	89	—4	—2.0
Darad op 1	1350	—	n.c.	—
Darad op 2	298	1	—14	—4.5
HLB 0.1	399	33	+8	+2.1
HLB 0.5 r	200	271	—20	—9.1
Property Bldg	1875	29	n.c.	—
Bayside 0.1	1549	s.o.1	—81	—5.0
Bayside 0.5	1230	18	—20	—1.6
Bayside op B	2100	—	—50	—2.3
ILDC r	2260	30	—20	—.9
ILDC b	2260	—	—50	—2.2
ICP r	287	343	+2	.7
Ispro r	315	768	—10	—3.1
Isralom	424	100	+4	+1.0
Isras b	805	100	—60	—6.9
Isras op 1	595	32	+14	+2.4
Cohen Dev.	322	238	+7	+2.2
Cohen Dev. op	229	25	—1	—.4
Lumir 1	283	54	—7	—2.4
Lumir 5	151	224	—2	—1.3
Lumir op 1	104	95	—3	—2.8
M.T.M. 1	3050	—	n.c.	—
M.T.M. 5	1820	1	n.c.	—
M.T.M. op 1	1670	—	—	—
Mehadrin r	3330	5	—50	—1.5
Modul Beton	2004	349	n.c.	—
Mishnael 5	382	59	—9	—2.3
Mar-Lez 1	208	104	+1	+.5
Mar-Lez op	145	1	+1	+.7
Meshulam 1	954	39	+12	+1.3
Meshulam 5	356	s.o.1	—19	—5.1
Mesh. op 1	273	b.o.1	+19	+7.5
Lifschitz 1	261	331	n.c.	—
Lifschitz 5	180	177	n.c.	—
Lifschitz op	130	744	+5	+4.4
Neot Aviv	1968	6	+50	+2.6
Nichsei Hadar	900	76	—25	—2.7
Solel Bon. p. A	8030	14	+80	+1.0
Sahaf 1	317	180	—2	—.6
Sahaf 5	268	29	n.c.	—
Sahaf op	152	410	+10	+7.0
Pri Or	925	18	—25	—2.6
Pri Or op	900	2	—50	—5.3
Caesarea 0.1	845	149	—35	—4.0
Caesarea 0.5	269	825	n.c.	—
Rogovin 1	313	65	—1	—.3
Rogovin 5	260	33	+10	+4.0
Rogovin op	137	30	—10	—6.8
Rassco p. r	931	98	—104	—10.1
Rassco r	850	201	n.c.	—
Rassco op	770	65	+20	+2.7
Shenhar 5	154	247	+2	+1.3
Industrials				
Agan Chem.	625	117	—21	—3.3
Agan op 1	452	39	—18	—3.8
Baruch 1	466	118	+26	+5.9
Baruch 5	329	29	+3	+.9
Baruch op	210	20	+10	+5.0
Urdan 0.1 r	1664	35	—1	—.1
Urdan 0.5 r	960	109	+8	+.8
Urdan op	760	42	+13	+1.7
Attas 1	525	b.o.1	+25	+5.0
Attas op	323	436	—20	—5.8
Atlantic 1	145	90	+8	+5.8
Atlantic op 1	95	190	—1	—1.0
I.P. Building	370	242	—17	—4.4
Elbit 3.0 r	14550	10	n.c.	—
Elbit op	12300	2	+500	+4.2
Alumit 1	564	33	—16	—2.8
Alumit 5	440	22	—12	—2.7
Alumit op	340	—	—	—
Alliance	34453	b.o.1	+1640	+5.0
Alaska Sport 1	820	3	+20	+2.5
Alaska Sport 5	410	7	+10	+2.5
Alaska S. op 1	480	1	+10	+2.1
Elco 0.1	995	19	—40	—3.9
Elco 0.25 r	549	226	n.c.	—
Elco 0.25 b	1085	6	—16	—1.5
Elco op B	1201	15	+48	+4.2
Elco d 1	3665	—	+200	+5.8
Alkol	360	190	—10	—2.7
Alkol op 1	253	45	+3	+1.2
Electra 0.1 r	2240	4	—200	—8.2
Electra 0.5 r	1186	71	n.c.	—
Electra op 3	1880	1	+60	+3.3
Electra op 4	779	33	n.c.	—
Elron	25150	14	—50	—.2
Ondine 1	290	211	—3	—1.0
Ondine 5	189	356	n.c.	—
Ackerstein 1	400	40	—34	—7.8
Ackerstein 5	310	50	n.c.	—
Argaman p.r.	2020	—	—30	—1.5
Argaman r	1880	64	—20	—1.1
[illegible]	1975	57	+10	+.5
Aryt op	1950	—	+15	+.8
Ata B 1.0	277	88	+4	+1.5
Ata C 0.1	197	746	n.c.	—
Tadir 1.0	2176	50	+30	+1.4
Tadir 5.0	589	19	+6	+1.0
Tadir op 1	2415	—	—120	—4.7
Bar-Ton 1	391	38	n.c.	—
Bar-Ton 5	175	111	n.c.	—
Bar-Ton op	115	31	—5	—4.6
Goldfrost 1.0	719	136	n.c.	—
Goldfrost 5	204	39	—8	—3.8
Goldfrost op	180	26	—2	—1.1
Gal Ind. 1.0	1798	111	n.c.	—
Gal Ind 5.0	629	313	—1	—.2
Gal Ind. op 1	886	157	+26	+3.0
Galil Tech 1	295	260	—10	—3.3
Galit Tech op	200	225	+15	+8.4
Dubek p. r	3300	34	n.c.	—
Dubek p. b	3333	12	+33	+1.0
Delta Galil 1	456	168	—15	—3.2
Delta Galil 3	303	69	n.c.	—
Delta Gal. op	440	15	+2	+.5
Dafron 1	367	50	+6	+1.7
Dafron 5	204	19	+16	+8.5
Dafron op	115	15	—5	—4.2
Dexter Chem.	298	339	+27	+10.0
Dexter op A	174	170	+8	+4.8
Fertilizer 0.1	882	12	n.c.	—
Fertilizer 0.5	370	22	+7	+1.9
Cables r	2110	29	+60	+2.9
Cables b	2075	16	+10	+.5
Hamaslul 1	542	293	+10	+1.9
Hamaslul 5	411	548	n.c.	—
Hamaslul op	249	361	+4	+1.6
Hatehof 1.0	412	16	+8	+2.0
Hatehof 5.0	240	64	—20	—7.7
Hatehof op 1	544	29	—25	—4.4
Vitalgo 1	519	545	+19	+3.8
Vitalgo 5	396	300	+10	+2.6
Vardinon	384	101	—25	—6.1
Vardinon op	245	151	n.c.	—
Zikit 1.0	980	76	+88	+9.9
Zikit 5.0	330	11	n.c.	—
Zikit op A	162	41	—16	—9.0
Sanlakol 1	317	166	—1	—.3
Sanlakol 5	246	147	n.c.	—
Sanlakol op	147	114	n.c.	—
Pri-Ze 1	327	339	+7	+2.2
Pri-Ze 5	184	113	—9	—4.7
Pri-Ze op	151	78	—4	—2.6
Haifa Chemicals	2150	22	—20	—.9
Teva r	1905	53	—40	—2.1
Teva b	1940	4	n.c.	—
Teva db 3	480	41	+15	+3.2
Tempo 1.0	83	+16	+3.4	
Tempo 5.0	348	13	+10	+3.0
Tempo op 1	320	14	—12	—3.6
Tempo op 2	215	3	+1	+.5
Tromasbest 1	1515	13	n.c.	—
Tromasbest 5	1000	26	+10	+1.0
Trom. op 1	1572	2	+12	+.8
Yach	639	49	—20	—3
Yach op	595	44	+66	+12.5
Yomar 1	1175	4	n.c.	—
Yomar 5	1194	1	—15	—1.2
Yitzhar 1	280	112	—2	—.7
Yitzhar 5	185	137	n.c.	—
Yitzhar op 1	141	17	n.c.	—
ZionCables 1	3273	71	—1	—
ZionCables 5	753	114	—60	—7.4
ZionCables op	535	5	—14	—2.6
Clal Electronics	3814	10	—80	—2.1
Lodzia 0.1	1850	4	—140	—7
Lodzia 0.4	760	33	+8	+1.1
Modul Ind.	378	334	+3	+.8
Wolfman 1	990	10	—55	—5.3
Wolfman 5	750	8	n.c.	—
Molett B r	2175	8	n.c.	—
M.L.T. 1	258	49	—20	—7.2
M.L.T. 5	169	49	—6	—3.4
Man 1.0	761	150	—135	—15.1
Man 5.0	455	165	n.c.	—
Zika 1	1435	42	+15	+1.1
Zika 5	1185	31	+10	+.9
Zika op 1	885	10	—11	—1.2
Dead Sea r	1730	192	n.c.	—
Kadamani 1	635	74	+15	+2.4
Kadamani 5	488	94	—5	—1
Kadam. op A	320	44	+1	+.3
AIPM r	3799	25	—116	—3
Assis	2000	52	n.c.	—
Petrochemicals	172	662	—5	—3.1
Maquette 1	1991	13	+181	+10
Maquette 5	510	49	—1	—.2
Maq. op A	675	7	—10	—1.5
Maxima 1	302	402	n.c.	—
Maxima 5	265	851	+5	+1.9
Nechushtan 0.1	418	77	—46	—9.9
Nechushtan 0.5	221	32	n.c.	—
Nechushtan op	450	26	—10	—6.3
Neca Chem.	321	99	—35	—9.8
Sano 1	1455	3	+5	+.3
Sano 5	1060	22	—40	—3.6
Sunfrost	473	146	n.c.	—
Spectronix 1	1440	29	+26	+1.8
Spectronix 5	875	52	+10	+1.2
Spect. op 1	715	6	+2	+.3
Ayit 1	3120	29	+30	+1
Ayit 5	1414	13	+14	+1
Ayit op	1807	22	n.c.	—
Elite r	3905	13	n.c.	—
Arad r	351	84	n.c.	—
Arad op 1	300	15	+5	+1.7
Feuchtwanger 1	469	27	n.c.	—
Feuchtwanger 5	345	42	—20	—5.5
Feucht. op 1	276	11	—24	—8
Polgat 0.1	2980	5	n.c.	—
Polgat 0.4	1820	34	+20	+1.1
Polygon r	903	5	—6	—.7
Pollak 1	700	35	n.c.	—
Pollak 5	395	209	n.c.	—
Pollak op 1	258	55	—12	—4.4
Pecker Steel	920	84	+20	+2.2
Pecker opt.	1720	2	—20	—1.2
Pargod	198	353	n.c.	—
Pargod op	131	79	+2	+1.6
Cyclone 1	690	61	—24	—3.4
Cyclone 5	394	40	n.c.	—
Cyclone op	255	16	+5	+2
King 1	500	38	—45	—8.3
King 5	338	49	—30	—8.2
King op 1	272	14	n.c.	—
Klil 1.0	1124	65	+11	+1
Klil 5.0	363	22	n.c.	—
Katz. Adler 1	579	12	—20	—3.3
Katz. Adler 5	405	9	+3	+.8
Katz op	225	20	+5	+2.3
Rim 0.1 r	827	33	—3	—.4
Rim 0.4 r	426	28	—3	—.7
Schoellerina	2320	102	+70	+3.1
Shemen p. r	2350	10	+10	+.4
T.A.T. 1.0	750	39	—49	—6.1
T.A.T. 5.0	499	19	—2	—.4
T.A.T. op 1	570	13	—15	—2.6
Tagal 1	314	20	n.c.	—
Tagal 5	211	11	—4	—1.9
Tagal op	138	35	+7	+5.3
Taya	575	118	—12	—2
Taya op 1	1330	2	—70	—5
Taya op 2	450	1	—11	—2.4
Taal B r	537	67	—60	—10.1
Frutarom r	630	15	—60	—8.7
Lachish 5	950	57	—20	—2.1
Lachish 1	730	30	—10	—1.4
Lachish op	915	41	n.c.	—
Rogosin 1	181	133	n.c.	—
Taro Pharm.	564	27	—5	—.9
Investment & Holding				
Unico r	1680	19	+100	+6.3
Unico b	1910	—	—	—
IDB Dev. r	2544	1,353	+10	+.4
IDB Dev. op 2	1950	8	+255	+1.3
Incoba	485	45	—15	—3.0
Elgar r	7000	1	n.c.	—
Elgar b	6700	—	+270	+4.2
Ellern r	3780	12	—180	—4.6
Ellern b	3780	7.	—170	—4.3
Amissar	3995	12	—67	—1.7
Amissar op	—	—	—	—
Afik 1.0	2285	36	+15	+.7
Afik 5.0	1825	10	+10	+.6
Afik op	1579	2	n.c.	—
Central Trade	7631	5	+150	+2.0
Israel Corp. 1	1787	310	n.c.	—
Israel Corp. 5	800	213	n.c.	—
Inv. Paz r	3150	25	+60	+1.9
Inv. Paz b	3430	2	+38	+1.1
Wolfson 0.1	33880	—	+3080	+10.0
Wolfson 1 r	6360	7	n.c.	—
Ampa r	2215	162	+65	+3.0
Ampa op 1	3741.0	6.	n.c.	—
Disc. Invest. r	1960	255	—50	—2.5
Disc. Invest. b	2049	—	—1.0	—.1
Disc. op E	—	—	—	—
Disc. i.d. 135	5510	—	—	—
Hapoal. Inv. r	5800	14	+80	+1.4
Hapoal. Inv. b	6977	—	—	—
Leumi In. r	1845	282	+40	+2.2
Jordan Ex. A	1090	5252	—111	—9.2
Jordan Ex. o	51544	—	—	—
Jordan E. op	21999	—	n.c.	—
Jordan op 4	979	46	—21	—2.1
Mizrahi Inv. r	1290	80	+15	+1.2
Mizrahi Inv b	1500	1	n.c.	—
Mizrahi d. 122	217	10	n.c.	—
Mizrahi d. 124	253	51	+10	+4.1
Clal Trade	830	53	+10	+1.2
Clal Tr. op B	5810	—	n.c.	—
Clal Tr. op C	1250	32	+36	+3.0
Export r	559	26	—16	—2.8
Koor p.	194741	3.	—1638	—.8
Clal Real Est.	683	679	+13	+1.9
Clal op D	632	250	n.c.	—
Clal Israel	4650	69	+50	+1.1
Clal Israel 50	4020	13	n.c.	—
Clal Israel op	2210	3	—70	—3.1
Clal Industry	1216	496	+17	+1.4
Clal Ind. op	4350	4	n.c.	—
Clal Ind. op C	1047	93	+45	+4.5
Landeco 0.1	780	80	+22	+2.9
Landeco 0.5	545	103	n.c.	—
Sahar Hold 1.0	998	36	—5	—.5
Sahar Hold 5.0	701	50	—60	—7.9
Oz Inv 0.1	1975	38	—5	—.3
Oz Inv 0.5	542	222	n.c.	—
Oz Inv. op 1	5500	7	+100	+1.9
Oz Inv. op 2	1335	39	+30	+2.3
Pama 0.1	1160	43	n.c.	—
Pama 0.5	539	234	n.c.	—
Pama op 2	820	94	+15	+1.9
Pama op 1	338	90	—3	—.9
Piryon	781	155	—7	—.9
Fuel & Exploration				
Delek Explo. 1	280	63	—20	—6.7
Delek Explo. 5	166	77	—18	—9.8
Delek op 1	129	30	—7	—5.2
Oil E. Paz	1255	251	n.c.	—
Oil E. op 2	956	73	—9.0	—.9
Teroil 1	155	368	+5	+3.7
Teroil 5	116	81	—6	—4.9
Teroil op 1	95	233	—6	—5.9
JOEL.	123	485	—1.0	—.8
JOEL op 1	95	188	—2	—2.1
M.G.V. op	235	226	—15	—6.0
M.G.V. 1	136	608	n.c.	—
M.G.V. 5	96	510	—2	—2.5
Fedoil r	421	28	—23	—5.2
N. Amer. 1	283	86	—32	—10.2
N. Amer. 5	156	51	—14	—8.2
N. Amer. op	139	103	+17	+13.9
Naphta r	35000	—	n.c.	—
New Listings				
Arazim	381	368	+7	+1.9
Arazim op	220	444	004	—1.8
Drucker 1	380	470	n.c.	—
Drucker 5	193	1,617	+14	+7.8
Octagon	360	214	—26	—6.7
Octagon op	228	299	—2	—.9
Maxima op	158	333	+5	+3.3
Store Tech	206	1,788	+6	+3.0
Store Tech op	151	1,193	+2	+1.3
Clal Comp op	637	25	—10	—1.6
Ondine op	105	86	—17	—13.9

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The Dow Jones industrial average closed lower at 1119.78, down 21.96 points. Blue chip stock prices ended sharply lower. Higher-priced stocks were hurt by the sell-off, with General Electric down four to 104 and IBM down 2⅛ to 100⅞.

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D.J. Avg.	1119.96	—21.77
Transport	502.93	—5.16
Utilities	128.32	—1.01
Volume	79 645,000	
D.J. LIST		
Alcoa	35¼	—¼
Allied Chem.	40⅝	—½
Amer Brand	45⅞	—⅛
Amer Can	32	n.c.
Amer Exp	55⅞	—2
Amer T & T	65⅞	—⅜
Beth Steel	23⅜	+⅛
Chrysler	15⅜	—¼
Du Pont	40⅜	—⅞
East Kodak	84⅜	—1⅜
Esmark	58⅜	—⅜
Exxon	30⅜	—⅜
Gen Elect.	104	—⅛
Gen Food	40⅜	—⅝
Gen Motors	59½	—1⅜
Goodyear	30⅜	—⅝
Intl Bus	100⅞	—2⅛
Intl Harv.	6½	n.c.
Intl Paper	56⅜	—1⅛
Intl Nickel	12⅞	—⅝
Owens	29⅜	+⅛
Procter Gam.	54⅝	—1⅜
Sears	34	—⅝
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Texaco	32½	—⅛
Union Carb.	61	
United Tech.	64⅜	—1⅜
US Steel	23⅞	—⅜
Westinghouse	47⅞	—1⅞
Woolworth	30⅞	+⅝
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Gold Fix	62½	—1½
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Elron Pdf.	20½	21⅛
Elscint	24⅜	25
Etz Lavud	20	—⅛
IDB Ord.	11/16	15/16
IDB Pfd.	26⅛	27
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Strike becomes lethal

YESTERDAY was a dark day in the annals of Israel's labour relations. Lifting a somewhat rusty, but potentially lethal, weapon from their armoury, the country's doctors began not to report to their posts in clinics and hospitals. If carried further, patients would be left to the mercies of fate.

The threat of something horrendous happening — of patients actually dying from want of prompt care — hangs ominously in the air. There is no way for the doctors to remove it except by going back to work, as they are bidden by the Health Ministry.

In advising its membership to ignore the ministry's orders the Israel Medical Association was plainly guilty of a violation of the law, as was every individual physician who heeded the advice. The IMA's argument that it was "forced" to stage a total strike by the Tel Aviv District Court's injunction banning the collection of fees by doctors for treatment using public facilities, was simply ludicrous.

Yet while the doctors' tactics can only be deplored, their case remains a powerful one. To be sure, the IMA's formal claim for a virtual doubling of doctors' salaries is, at best, a mere bargaining ploy, and the Treasury has been right not to take it too seriously. The Treasury's own insistence on holding the doctors down to the 22 per cent wage rise limit written into last year's collective agreement is, however, quite unrealistic.

The doctors were not a party to that agreement, and for good reason. They claim they deserve more, and most Israelis believe they do. The Treasury's fear that a breach in the wage rise line would hurl the country into a cauldron of labour disputes seems to be misplaced. But the 22 per cent line has become a matter of prestige for both the IMA and the Treasury. Even if it is circumvented in the final wage settlement with the doctors, the Treasury wants it to appear that the line was kept intact. The IMA, on the other hand, wants it to be publicly acknowledged that the medical profession as a whole is entitled to overstep the line.

A sensible way out of this dilemma would be for the two parties to focus on deciding specifically which groups of doctors should receive a large compensation for past erosion of their pay, and which should not. The result would inevitably favour the younger, beginning doctors, who are in truly bad shape, and it would add only a little to the incomes of the more established, senior physicians, especially those among them who have a private practice on the side.

Sooner or later some such arrangement is likely to emerge from the present welter of charges and counter-charges. But in the meantime, the lives of sick people are being placed in jeopardy.

A bill worth defeating

THE DEFEAT of the bill that would have extended the terms of office of the two chief rabbis, and put off the chief rabbinate elections by a full year, was a triumph of good sense. The bill, submitted by the government against the counsel of the justice minister, was a disgraceful piece of legislation, tailor-made for Rabbis Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef in their struggle to hold on to their jobs.

Some of the arguments put forward in the hectic lobbying for the bill were, to put it mildly, bizarre. Thus it was claimed, by the chief rabbis themselves, that the observance of the 1980 law which made the incumbents ineligible for re-election was tantamount to deposition, if not dethronement. What it really amounted to was the observance of a law which the two chief rabbis accepted, in good grace, when it was enacted.

It was also said that if the chief rabbinate elections were held now, and without the incumbents participating, the result would be a takeover by extreme anti-Zionist elements. This ignores the fact, that while Shlomo Goren has been an ultra-nationalist chief rabbi, Ovadia Yosef does not consider Zionism one of his important credentials. In any case, if it is true that only the persons of these two venerable scholars stand guard against a grab of the highest religious posts within the Jewish community by the zealots, then something must be radically wrong with the entire institution of the chief rabbinate.

Some people might even draw the conclusion that the time is ripe for a separation of state and synagogue in this country.

At the very least this would lend support to the contention that the chief rabbinate is due for an overhaul. What shape it should take has already been suggested: one chief rabbi, officiating as chairman of the Chief Rabbinate Council, and one president of the Supreme Rabbinical Council, both elected on a national and non-communal basis. The only thing that could be said in favour of putting off the rabbinical elections due March 15 is that it might have made it somewhat easier to effect this fundamental change.

But elections now, in accordance with the provisions of the 1980 law, need not prevent a reform in the future.

POSTSCRIPTS

P.S. SEX EDUCATION. — A total of 430 Zambian teachers have been disciplined in the past three years for getting schoolgirls pregnant, *The Zambia Daily Mail* reported recently. The newspaper said that 111 of the teachers were dismissed for their action, and the remainder were suspended from work and punished in other, unspecified ways.

P.S. ISRAEL TV's favourite host will be away for two years, from June. Danny Pe'er of *Mabat* and *Kolbotek* has accepted an offer by the Jewish National Fund's educational department to be its emissary in Canada. Pe'er will be based in Montreal, and will be responsible for contacts with all Jewish schools in the country.

Pe'er said that if he had been offered the job of host of TV's *The Good Hour*, he might have decided otherwise. But the job wasn't proposed to him. *J.S.I.*

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P.S. GOVERNMENT investigators in Chester, England, are hunting a man who they say pawned his artificial limb.

A spokesman for the British Department of Health said the limb was his department's property and pawning it a violation of department rules.

But when investigators appeared at the pawnbroker's shop on Watergate Street, Chester, the unidentified man had already redeemed his leg and, according to the spokesman, hopped it.

THE NECESSITY FOR DEBATE

By HENRY SIEGMAN

THE DISCUSSION of President Ronald Reagan's September 1 policy statement on the Middle East never really received the sober and objective analysis it required within the American Jewish community. An official "line" — an orthodoxy — was imposed before any such discussion could take place.

What happened in this instance is characteristic of how the organized Jewish community all too often deals with such issues. I believe that to be no service to Israel or to itself.

Jerusalem's negative — even violent — reaction to the proposal was, at least in part, ideologically determined, but it is an ideology that many Israelis and American Jews do not share.

Many, if not most, American Jews hold to a version of Zionism in which territory is not the *summum bonum;* certain humanitarian and spiritual values are. That is why I believe most American Jews instinctively reacted favourably to the president's proposal, whose underlying principle is the exchange of territory for peace.

Many Israelis and American Jews support that principle — up to a point, to be sure; that point being Israel's security. That principle is at the heart of Resolution 242, to which Israel committed itself time and again, and was the basis of Camp David.

I DO NOT intend to go into the all-too-familiar history of 242. One thing, however, is clear. While Israel and the U.S. successfully resisted language that would require Israel to return to the pre-1967 boundaries, it was always clear, as even former UN ambassador Arthur Goldberg has repeatedly confirmed, that it required the return of *some* West Bank territories.

The notion that Israel need not return *any* part of the West Bank is contrary to the plain intention of 242 in the view all the participants involved at the time. Certainly that has been the position of every American administration without exception.

Given this background, to characterize a proposal by President Reagan that 1) rejects a Palestinian state; 2) rejects the notion of Israel's return to its geographic vulnerability prior to 1967, 3) rejects negotiations with the PLO, and 4) affirms that none of Israel's settlements need be dismantled — to characterize that kind of proposal as a betrayal of Israel is to put an unbearable strain on reason and common sense, not to speak of good faith.

IT IS TRUE that Reagan was obliged to inform Israel of his views before he went public with them. It is quite proper to criticize him for that. It is also true that the Camp David agreements required that the various possibilities for the disposition of the West Bank territories be left open for discussion and negotiation *after* three years into the autonomy process.

Nothing was to be precluded, not even full Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank, if the Palestinians should discover, as a result of the autonomy experience, that they really can live with it.

One can, therefore, criticize President Reagan for having put forward a proposal — federation with Jordan — that prematurely removes other options from the table.

Unfortunately, it is a criticism that lacks both integrity and credibility.

First, the U.S. has been urged to oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state; and in his plan, Reagan did in fact declare his opposition to such a state.

But that option, however pernicious and unrealistic, was also one of the options left open by Camp David, to be considered only after three years into the autonomy. If declaring his opposition to Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank is a violation of Camp David, so was his declaration opposing a Palestinian state. We cannot praise him for one and condemn him for the other.

Second, if a statement of preference by the U.S. President is a violation of Camp David, or at least its spirit, because nothing should be suggested that would preclude any of the options that were to be left open by the Camp David agreements, then certainly a settlements policy on the ground, whose clear intention it is to create irreversible facts which contradict these options, are a far more egregious violation of Camp David.

Of course, individual settlements are not illegal, nor does Camp David say that Israel may not establish new settlements. But to pursue a settlements policy that will make any geographic division of the territories impossible, and then to pretend to be outraged by President Reagan's proposal favouring federation with Jordan because it violates Camp David, leaves one open to the charge of hypocrisy.

YES, the Reagan plan can and should be criticized — not for betraying Begin's vision of an undivided Land of Israel, but for its lack of fidelity to its own principles.

The Reagan plan states clearly and unequivocally that the "trigger" for its various proposals — the one thing that must happen before any further demands can be made of Israel and before any of its other ideas can come into play — is that Jordan must recognize Israel and come to the negotiating table.

That provision is what defined the essential reasonableness of the Reagan plan. Without that provision, the plan is simply another in a long series of one-sided proposals that dump on Israel and make U.S. policy hostage to Arab extremism.

In fact, Jordan has not come to the table, but the burden of American pressures, in clear violation of the Reagan plan, has continued to be on Israel, not on Jordan, where the Reagan plan says it belongs.

It is unfair, however, to criticize the president for not being true to his own proposals if those proposals have already been dismissed as a betrayal of Camp David and of Israel.

With respect to Lebanon, I consider the U.S. policy to be flawed to the core. If it is true, as the administration insists, that the Arab world is still so possessed by its hatred of Israel that Lebanon's normalization of relations with Israel would place Lebanon beyond the pale, then no one has a right to ask Israel to make further concessions or to assume new risks. The State Department cannot have it both ways.

GIVEN THESE realities (and America's continued tendency to dance to the Saudi tune), I believe Israel should finally give up the notion it so foolishly entertained that it can orchestrate a new political order in Lebanon. It should concentrate instead on its own legitimate security concern — to insulate northern Israel from the chaos of Lebanon.

It should withdraw its troops to the 40 or 50-kilometre security belt and tell Lebanon to go bang its head against a wall that Israel will stay put until it is satisfied that Lebanon can prevent rockets from falling on Israel's children in Nahariya and Kiryat Shmona.

One cannot discuss Lebanon without noting that the U.S. secretary of defence has taken advantage of the situation there to engage in a level of ill-will and malevolence towards Israel that is virtually unprecedented in U.S.-Israel relations.

I am not given to a conspiratorial view of life, but it is difficult to escape the conclusion that Secretary Caspar Weinberger is engaged in calculated efforts to discredit Israel in American public opinion. The ugly manner in which he sought to exploit the trivial incident between a U.S. Marine and an Israeli tank commander leaves room for no other conclusion.

Whatever his intentions, Secretary Weinberger's contributions to America's Middle East policy have been consistently hostile to Israel, demeaningly ingratiating to the Saudis, and destructive of America's national interest.

DISCUSSION OF the Reagan plan inevitably raises the question of the propriety of public dissent within the American Jewish community from official Israeli views.

From a number of pronouncements that Prime Minister Begin has made in recent months, it is clear that he is convinced that if American Jews fail to support his policies, it is not really because they disagree with these policies but because they are weak-kneed *galut* Jews who are afraid of incurring the wrath of their president.

There seems to be no question in his mind — and in the mind of many other Israelis — that some American Jews approved of President Reagan's recent Middle East peace initiative because they feared being seen as disloyal Americans.

From the moment President Reagan was elected, some U.S. Jews have been in the forefront of the political battle against President Reagan — to the consternation of some Israelis — for his social and economic policies, which have caused so much suffering and hardship to the most deprived segments of American society, including thousands of poor and elderly Jews whose dignity and survival depend on Federal programmes that have been gutted by this administration.

And when we fought the proposed AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia (a battle that was undertaken without Israeli prodding and concerning which they initially evinced considerable nervousness), some of us made the point that the president had sold out American interests to the same heartless crowd that benefits from his Reaganomics — the Bechtels, Fluors and the oil corporations. Hardly the public rhetoric of weak-kneed Jews seeking to ingratiate themselves with their president.

BE THAT as it may, in the current debate, the ultimate concern of the American Jewish community is not really the fidelity of Israel or America to Camp David, important as that is. It is not the plight of the Palestinians, as important as that is. The Palestinians and the Arab world have for too long defined their aspirations in terms that require the destruction of Jews for this to be the dominant concern.

The real concern is an internal Jewish one — that is, what kind of a Jewish State will we have 10 or 20 years from now if Israel undertakes as its permanent vocation the control and inevitable repression of an additional million Arabs.

Is there really any reason to believe that Palestinians will be transformed into a docile, law-abiding minority, satisfied to live under permanent Israeli control? What will the endless military suppression of Palestinian violence do to Israeli society?

The notion that a people can engage in this kind of occupation year after year and yet remain marvellously insulated from its morally corrosive influences is simply unrealistic.

I contend that there is a direct and inescapable link between the unavoidable brutalization that is caused by the need to put down the violence of rebellious Palestinians on the West Bank and the violence that took a Jewish life on the streets of Jerusalem.

WHETHER or not Israel is true to Camp David is a question for Israeli foreign policy. American Jews can have their views on that question, but it is not the task of American Jewish organizations or American Jewish leaders to express their dissenting views on such a subject to the U.S. State Department or to *The New York Times.*

Whether Israel will and should retain its character as a democratic and a Jewish state is an internal Jewish question, and it is very much the right and obligation of American Jews to engage Israel in that debate. For if Diaspora Jewry has no share in that discussion, then the notion of Jewish peoplehood and the slogan "we are one" are emptied of all meaningful content.

It is a debate that cannot be conducted at night, in dark underground places. Rather, it is one that must be pursued vigorously in the full light of day. Admittedly, it does not belong in the pages of *The New York Times,* nor should the non-Jewish community be enlisted in that internal Jewish discussion. But if the enemies of Israel overhear the debate and derive comfort from the differences, that is a price that must be paid.

The alternative is for Diaspora Jews to renounce their share in the great Jewish enterprise on which they have staked their lives. This cannot and must not be done.

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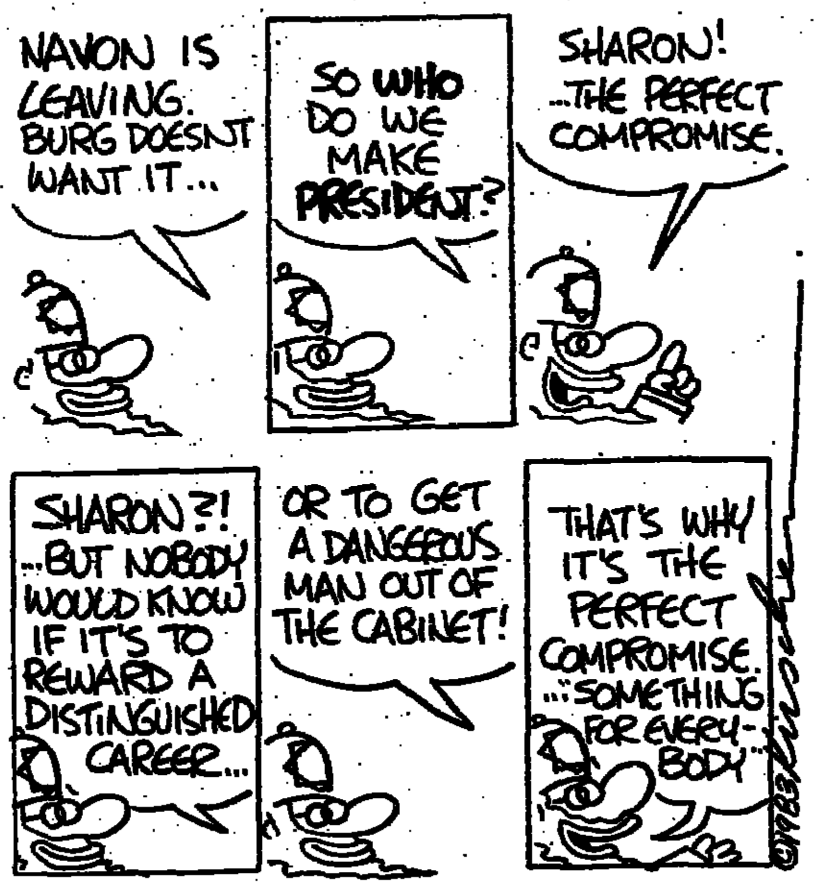
Dry Bones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READERS' LETTERS

APPALLING REFUSAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Histradrut's refusal to support the striking doctors on the grounds it would damage the agreement which was recently made covering 400,000 government workers is appalling.

Israel's doctors are severely overworked and underpaid. They have a right to strike for higher wages like all other segments of the work force even if they are not members of the labour federation.

If we are willing to put our health care into the doctors' hands, we must also be willing to pay them for their skills. Failure to pay them adequate salaries may encourage many doctors to leave medicine or the country thus causing a medical "brain drain" from which we may never recover.

The Histadrut's unwillingness to support the doctors is an insidious attempt to cause a rift among workers which can lead to the destruction of labour solidarity that has taken years to build.

Has the Histadrut forgotten what labour relations are all about?

IRWIN WEINTRAUB

Maoz Aviv.

DISREGARD OF FACTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — R. B. Smith's letter of February 28 is but another example of how fact is disregarded. At My Lai, American soldiers killed. Not so in Beirut: Israelis had no part in the events.

And when or where in the world has any country inquired into its guilt (omission or commission)? Israel met the challenge to her moral integrity in the largest sense.

ALVIN J. CAPLAN

Jerusalem.

SOWING THE WIND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In the case of the tragic death of "Peace Now" advocate, Emil Grunzweig, every one of our leaders has publicly wept bitter tears at the enormity of the crime while nimbly pointing an accusing finger at everyone else but himself.

Let's stop pointing in the wrong direction. Let us also stop the "we are all to blame" syndrome. If our leaders' collective conscience really bothers them, they should check out the nature of their fervent following and watch the same film clips which the "Peace Now" marchers have been asked to watch. Their fan club is very much in evidence on the fringes of the march.

As for our leaders' discomfort at the charge of "fascists," perhaps a few explanations are in order. Those who level that charge are haunted by historical similarities. They see an emerging parallel between the Israel of the present and the Italy, Spain and Germany of 50 and 60 years ago. Let me enumerate some of the startling similarities:

1. The appearance of the authoritarian leader on centre stage.

2. His rhetorical ability to galvanize into action the disadvantaged, the disenchanted, as well as the blatant opportunists of whatever stripe.

3. The fervent chanting for the "Leader" then and now.

4. The cries of "stab-in-the-back" and "traitors" now and then.

5. The ever tightening bond between Church and State then and now.

6. The breaking-up of opposition meetings by the toughs then and now.

7. The increasing need for strong arm police action then and now.

8. The ascendancy of the yahoos on centre stage then and now.

Thankfully, the dissimilarities between then and now still outweigh the similarities. But, there is certainly enough here to make us stop in our tracks.

It is not quite fair of the government to ask us all to share and share alike the blame for the violence. It is too one-sided. It hasn't come from the "professors" who have in despair shouted "fascists." It has only come from the "yahoos" who have spat out the word "traitors."

The political leadership has sown the wind and reaped the whirlwind. Theirs is the problem and ours is the tragedy.

ABE GABRINER

Jerusalem.

EL AL LOSSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — If grounding El Al cost $45 million, I am the Queen of Sheba. El Al was grounded for four months, or, in other words one third of a year: one third of annual revenue, one third of annual debt service; four months of salaries; a third of insurance expenses; four months of rents and rates; irrevocable loss of customers and, what's more painful, agents. And that only cost $45 million.

Either the Transport Minister is dishonest with the Knesset, which is bad, or incompetent, which is worse. A board of inquiry is in order, to prevent reoccurrence of similar cases in our sorely tried economy.

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